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The sign at Ogmore. THE Vale Council is investigating why a barrier and notice appeared on the entrance to common land at the village of Ogmore.

Walkers, dog walkers and fishermen have parked on the land for many years. The sign said: 'Due to animal welfare it is strictly (sic) forbidden to park on this common'.

One regular visitor contacted The GEM to say he had been in touch with the Vale Council to draw its attention to the sign and barrier.

Cllr Peter King, Vale Council cabinet member for neighbourhood services and transport, said: "The council is aware that a barrier and sign have been erected at the entrance to common land in Ogmore.

"We are currently investigating the situation and taking legal advice to determine the appropriate response, and action will be taken at the earliest opportunity."

Increase in runners for this year's 'Colliery Fun Run'



THE 'Keeper of the Colliery Fun Run' was held on Sunday, June 2, in Maesteg as part of the local festival.

Following the success of the first fun run which was held last year, this year's run had a large increase in runners, despite the wet weather.

The event was sponsored by Bridge FM and Lee Jukes was on hand to chat to the runners.

Entry was free and the races

attracted runners of all ages.

The competitors had the choice of a 5k run or a 10k one with the course making its way along what must rank as one of the most scenic routes in Wales.

The winner of the 10k event was Grant Medgraft, while Fion Higginson won the 5k.

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Pick up free dog waste bags along popular dog walking routes

DOG owners are being urged to make use of the free dog waste bags that are being supplied along popular dog walking routes in Bridgend county borough.

As part of efforts to keep communities clean, 17 new dog waste bag stations have been installed by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) after two were successfully trialled at Maesteg Welfare Park and the Woodlands playing fields in Pencoed.

Cllr Richard Young, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "Since we installed our first dog waste bag stations at two specific problem-spots, there has certainly been an improvement with more dog owners bagging and binning their pet's waste. "We're pleased to have secured funding to install

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

BCBC considers how to give children in care a voice

B R I D G E N D
County Borough Council (BCBC) is to look at changing the role and make-up of a committee which has responsibility for looked after children, young people and care leavers in the county.

Currently, BCBC's cabinet committee for corporate parenting involves cabinet members, councillors from various different parties and officers from social services and education directorates.

Following a presentation by the charity Voices From Care Cymru, which helps young people who are, or have been, looked after by local authorities, BCBC council leader

Huw David said they would look at changing the role of the committee.

Cllr David said: "I think young people have a voice in Bridgend but their voice can always be louder, and we want it to be as loud as it can be."

"We will give some consideration about how we can change the role of this committee. There is a role for partners, particularly those from health and the police and with our new health board partners, we can look at developing that."

Phil White, cabinet member for social services and early help, added: "We are listening; it's not what we think is good for young people, it's about them telling us what's good for them."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Join the YMCA anniversary celebrations in Porthcawl

THE YMCA a further 58 million users in 124 countries around the world. Porthcawl YMCA has offered continuous service to the community of Porthcawl for 110 years.

Today the Movement has some 65 million members and work with young people

helping them to find a programme committee. There are plans afoot for the development of youth work for the town and there is a need for other ideas, suggestions and challenges to take Porthcawl YMCA forward for another 100 years!

Porthcawl YMCA, whose management is in the hands of a voluntary board of trustees. This is especially true of Porthcawl YMCA, whose management is in the hands of a voluntary board of trustees.

Six years ago Porthcawl YMCA became an incorporated body, which means we are a limited company and a registered charity (as a Christian organisation).

The trustees are also the directors of the company with a limited liability. We are very much in need of people with a sense of responsibility, adventure and willingness to join the board of management and or the

Chance for young women to get boardroom experience

YOUNG women in the Bridgend area are being encouraged to apply for a chance to gain board level experience, on a free 12-month programme.

On June 3, Chwarae Teg and partner organisations including Awen Cultural Trust launched their latest 'Step to Non Exec' opportunities aimed at getting more young women into non-executive director roles.

Applications are sought from women aged 21-30 who have an interest and who want to make a difference to people's lives.

The programme will provide practical experience and skills training in the role of a non-executive director, including one-to-one mentoring, shadowing opportunities and chances to attend board meetings and planning events.

Women interested in applying and finding out more should visit www.chwarae.org.uk/step-to-non-exec. The deadline for applications is Monday, July 1.

Emma Tamplin from Chwarae Teg, said: "At Chwarae Teg we work to inspire, lead and deliver on gender equality in Wales. We recognise the need for, and benefits of, more women working at the top level of organisations."

"Boards with a gender balance simply work better, so I'd urge women with a passion for leading change to get their voices heard by taking on non-exec roles. This programme will provide them with the skills and confidence to apply for future positions in public life."

Richard Hughes, CEO of Awen Cultural Trust, said: "Equality and fairness are central to our work and we understand the importance of a gender balance being evident at all levels of an organisation."

"We were keen to be a partner in Step to Non Exec as the scheme is one that can really make a difference. It really is worth applying as it will enable young women to reach their potential and in turn greatly benefit boards of the future."

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08 Sat	10.55	9.2	23.18	9.0
09 Sun	11.52	8.8	-----	-----
10 Mon	00.17	8.7	12.54	8.5
11 Tues	01.23	8.5	13.59	8.4
12 Wed	02.32	8.4	15.14	8.5

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Back to the drawing board for Bridgend Town Council after mayoral election query

A TOWN council had to re-run its election for the positions of mayor and deputy mayor after the validity of the process was questioned.

Bridgend Town Council was forced to call an extraordinary

meeting for Tuesday, June 4, at Carnegie House following an issue over secret ballots.

The mayor and deputy mayor who were voted in during an annual meeting on May 20 had their titles taken away.

The nominations and elections of the new town mayor and deputy mayor

had to be re-run, using the voting method of a "show of hands".

Councillors were told that all the decisions taken at the annual meeting "must be brought into question" as a result of the process being questioned.

The issue appears to have arisen after the annual meeting when the elections took place.

During the meeting, two councillors were nominated for the role of mayor and the outgoing mayor, Cllr Paul Warren, called for a secret ballot.

After being seconded, councillors proceeded to vote on ballot slips and Cllr Alan Wathan was elected to the office of town mayor for the year 2019/20.

The mayor then called for a vote to be taken to elect a deputy mayor for the year ahead and, once again, a secret ballot was proposed and supported by councillors – with Cllr Steven Bletsoe elected.

In the letter to councillors, the town council clerk stated: "It has since been highlighted by a councillor present at the meeting that the standing orders of Bridgend Town Council do not include any reference for allowing a secret ballot to be conducted.

"It should also be noted that the standing orders do not prohibit the conducting of a secret ballot. Bridgend Town Council has a precedence of holding secret ballots if a motion for a secret

ballot is proposed and seconded at a meeting.

"The council has undertaken this practice for many years and many decisions of council have been decided using this method.

"A query has now been raised by a councillor that, as standing orders do not permit a secret vote, then the validity of the entire meeting is brought into question.

"I have sought legal advice from specialist solicitors on this matter and it appears that in law this is a very grey area.

"I have been advised that although this may bring into question past decisions made by council using this method, it would not be practical to reconsider these historical decisions and therefore any decisions taken before the annual meeting of council on May 20 still stand."

One town councillor, who did not wish to be named, said: "Every town councillor I've spoken to is furious about it – we had taken a democratic vote. This brings our council into disrepute and makes us look like a joke."

However, *The GEM* understands that at the second meeting on June 4, a show of hands produced exactly the same result.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Planning refusal protects trees at Briary Wood site

PLANS to build three homes and garages near ancient woodland in Bridgend have been refused planning permission.

Planners at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) turned down the outline planning application submitted by Homestyle Dom Care saying it would result in the "unjustified loss" of protected trees and woodlands.

The site on Briary Wood at Briary Way, Brackla, forms part of the Tremain Wood Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

Some of the 40 trees that would have been cut down to make way for the housing were subject to Tree Preservation Orders and include ash, elm, willow and sycamore, and vary in height from 17m to 23m.

In a council report

outlining reasons for refusal, officers said: "Brackla is already well-developed and the Tremain Wood SINC provides an important 'green lung'. Any further loss and degradation of the woodland would diminish the biodiversity value of the SINC which provides environmental, social, community and health benefits."

A number of residents living nearby have objected to the plans.

Keith Hughes, who has lived in the local area for 30 years and started a campaign against the plans said: "We are delighted by the result, it is good news on the planning front from Bridgend council."

The plans were first submitted last summer before being withdrawn and then resubmitted in December 2018.

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Charity chief warns against 'Victorian practices' around unborn children

THE chief executive of a charity which fights for the rights and welfare of children and young people in care has criticised local authorities in Wales for what she claimed were "Victorian practices" surrounding the unborn children of those in care.

Deborah Jones of Voices From Care Cymru, is calling for changes to be made by the Welsh Government and other organisations.

Speaking at a Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) meeting, she said: "It's an absolutely Victorian practice in local authorities where an unborn child is even put on a child protection register for no other reason than that their mother is in care themselves.

"It's an area that's been identified. Now we need to get government, and various other bodies, to do something about it."

The Welsh Government has emphatically denied unborn children are automatically registered on the Child Protection Register if the mother is in care, saying decisions to place a child on the register

were determined on a case-by-case basis. Ms Jones highlighted the issue during a presentation to councillors sitting on BCBC's cabinet committee for corporate parenting on Wednesday, May 29.

She said: "We were noticing that a lot of young mums and dads were saying they felt their children were being removed because they had been in care themselves, so the stigma is continuing into the next generation.

"In some ways I was hoping our anecdotal evidence was wrong but research undertaken has found a lot of inefficiencies and irregularities with young people in care when they become parents themselves."

The charity's programme manager Chris Dunn said: "A lot of it is around process while cultures and attitudes also play a key role."

BCBC's cabinet member for education Charles Smith said it made him "shudder" to think that "in some parts of the UK a foetus may be at risk simply because the parent was in care".

BCBC's social services director Sue Cooper said: "A child coming into care

just because their parent is in care is a worrying comment.

"We would like to think here in Bridgend the decision is based on individual engagement and very clearly on a risk assessment – that's what I would expect.

"We do have services that we are continuing to develop. Some are in the early stages to get the right support and try to prevent that unless it's absolutely necessary.

"We have projects such as Baby in Mind, Reflect, and early help services.

"We just need to continue to be clear that assessments and risk assessments are appropriate in relation to that."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "Unborn children are not automatically registered on the Child Protection Register if the mother is in care.

"Under the All-Wales Child Protection Procedures a decision to place a child on the register is determined on a case-by-case basis."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What number does England cricketer Joe Root have on the back of his shirt?
2. In 1956, which actress married Prince Rainier of Monaco?
3. How many stepping stones cross the river Ogmore close to Ogmore Castle?

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Estyn's latest report on BCBC education services

ESTYN has reported back on its inspection into the education services at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

In March, inspectors met a large range of stakeholders including council officers, headteachers, learners and elected members, while parents, carers and other interested parties were asked to submit their views via an online survey.

A BCBC spokesperson said: "Estyn found that pupils in Bridgend county borough schools make good progress between the ages of five and 16, and standards at key stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) in secondary schools compare well with other local authorities.

"The inspectors praised the local authority's collaborative approach reporting that it has a strong commitment to meeting the needs of pupils with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties.

"Pupil attendance is good, the education welfare service is effective, and the music service

has been judged as providing particularly good provision. There has also been a positive reduction in the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training.

"The inspection also highlighted some areas for improvement, including the need to raise standards of literacy in primary schools and improve outcomes for post-16 learners in sixth forms.

"Estyn also noted that the pace of progress in schools causing concern is too slow, and recommended the need to strengthen the role of the Welsh Education Strategic Forum to ensure timely progress in delivering priorities identified in the Welsh Education Strategic Plan."

BCBC maintains 48 primary schools (including two infant and one junior), nine secondary schools, two special schools and a pupil referral unit.

In 2018-2019, the council's net education budget was approximately £108m.

The inspection can be read in full at www.estyn.gov.wales.

those recommendations. "I am particularly pleased that Estyn recognised how elected members and officers share a clear strategic vision for education, and this is reflected in our priorities and policies.

"The inspectors praised our 'Team Bridgend' approach to ensuring that young people receive the education to which they are entitled, and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the inspection visit.

"I am also proud that Estyn has asked us to provide a case study for their website on our work in relation to young people's involvement in decision-making processes in schools and the local authority."

Cllr Charles Smith, the council's cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "Estyn has identified many strengths and recognised how much we prioritise our education services and schools. Inspectors have also suggested some areas for improvement so we will now draw up a post-inspection plan to address

Real Madrid's golfer Gareth gets to know Southerndown



Gareth Bale with head professional at Southerndown Golf Club John Peters and head assistant professional Simon Askins.

MEMBERS of Southerndown Golf Club were surprised when Wales talisman Gareth Bale turned up for a round on Sunday afternoon.

The Real Madrid forward decided to take some time away from the football field for a session on the golf course.

Bale is preparing for Wales' upcoming Euro 2020 qualifying double-header against Croatia and Hungary later this month.

The 29-year-old enjoyed 18 holes with three of his close friends, before mingling with members in the clubhouse.

He has endured a tough season with Real Madrid and has been heavily linked with a move away from the Bernabeu this summer.

He is, of course, is an avid golf fan and last year unveiled a state-of-the-art course in his back garden in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Lewis Phillips, who



Southerndown Golf Club member Lewis Phillips with Gareth Bale.

has been a member of Southerndown for 10 years, was astounded when the four-time UEFA Champions League winner arrived.

"I was so shocked to see him," said Phillips.

"I was in the middle of a competition and he was playing just behind me but I managed to speak to him on a few holes.

"It is one of the best courses around here and I'm glad he got to experience it.

"Even though he was having a round with his mates, he took time to have photos and a chat with the members.

"He is a really down to earth guy."

Lewis Phillips is hopeful that

the forward will return to the course in the future.

He added: "The members made him feel really welcomed and I would love to see him here again.

"I saw him play in the celebrity cup at the Celtic Manor three years ago and he's improved.

"I'm sure if Real Madrid don't want him he will get on the PGA tour soon!"

Bale will go head-to-head with Madrid team-mate Luka Modric in Osijek on June 8, before travelling to Budapest for the clash with Hungary three days later.

Report by Callum Ellis.

Charity aims to stop children going hungry in holidays

I AM writing to let your readers know about a new charity that has been set up locally to support children who may go hungry during the school holidays.

Bridgend Against Holiday Hunger aims to provide children with nutritious food and fun activities during the school holidays.

We're doing this as research shows families who usually rely on free school meals need to find an extra £30 to £40 for each child every week during the holidays, money they may

not be able to afford.

To get our ambition off the ground, we are looking for volunteers who can spare a few hours to support our schemes and local businesses who may be willing to donate food or funds to help us.

Your readers can get involved by emailing us via bridgendholidayfood-scheme@gmail.com or by liking our Facebook page – Bridgend Against Holiday Hunger.

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Bridgend Against Holiday Hunger

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Maesteg runners are out in force for fun runs



(Story continued from page 1). The 'Keeper of the Colliery Fun Run' was held on Sunday, June 2, in Maesteg as part of the local festival.



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Local Youth Parliament member meets MP

BRIDGEND MP discussion.

Madeleine Moon met her counterpart in the Welsh Youth Parliament, Todd Murray, to discuss the pressing problems facing Wales' young people.

As the representative for Bridgend county borough since December 2018, Todd has chosen environmental issues and mental health as key areas to tackle.

The devastation caused to the seas by plastic waste was a major point of

.

The Welsh Youth Parliament mirrors the structure of the Welsh Assembly, with 11-to-18-year-olds selected by their peers to give young people a democratic voice at a national level.

Mrs Moon said: "It was a pleasure speaking with Todd and seeing his commitment to his role in the Youth Parliament. I have since invited Todd to Westminster to see first-hand the workings of the UK Parliament."



Church trip to Windsor is open to local residents!

THE social committee of St Illtyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend, has organised a coach trip to Windsor on Saturday, July 13.

Tickets for the trip cost £20 and the coach will leave from outside St Illtyd's at 8am, departing Windsor at 5pm.

Those on the trip, which is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike, will have the day to wander through the historic market town, visit Windsor Castle, take in the Long Walk, view St George's Chapel (considered by the historian John Martin Robinson to be "... one of the supreme achievements of English Perpendicular

Gothic" design), and enjoy myriad gift shops, tea rooms, and restaurants. Changing the Windsor Castle Guard takes place at 11am, and with a clear M4 and a tailwind it should be possible to see this splendid event.

You might even be able to see The Queen.

Parish priest Father David Lloyd said: "This is a new destination for us, and a little bit further than usual but we look forward to it and welcome all on what will be another super day out."

For more information, search for @saintilltydbridgend on Facebook or call 01656 655999.

Tickets are available at the church.

HJ

Bridgend Athletic RFC pay tribute to club chairman Andrew Tellem

IT is with heavy hearts that Bridgend Athletic RFC announce the untimely passing at the age of 55 of their well-loved and respected chairman, Andrew Tellem, following a long and brave battle.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to his family; wife Alison and sons Neil, Matthew and George.

Andrew following a distinguished rugby player with Bridgend Sports which included him scoring four tries against the Athletic in a cup tie to turn around a 20-point deficit and narrowly win the game in the dying minutes, then crossed the river bridge to join the Athletic in 1995.

He played 88 games for the Athletic as a flying wing, crossing for a remarkable 47 tries. It was not just on the field that Andrew endeared himself to Athletic club members. He fully embraced the social side of the club and was very popular with players and supporters and a prominent light in the Sunday club.

Even in his last two months when he knew the end was in sight, Andrew still joined his friends at the Athletic whenever he could on a Sunday afternoon, enjoying the camaraderie.

Andrew joined the committee and in 2017, was elected club chairman. He really embraced the role and was well respected both by his fellow committee and club members.

He even attended a committee meeting two weeks ago, such was his devotion to the club.

He was tireless behind the scenes, carrying out many improvements to the club and helping behind the bar with his wife Alison on many occasions.

At last year's Player of the Year, Andrew carried out his duties admirably, giving both the welcoming speech but also the First XV Review, despite public speaking being alien to him as a craftsman. He had set a goal to attend this year's event on June 1, but sadly was unable to do so.

In the 2015-2016 season presentation ceremony, Andrew was the recipient of Club Person of the Year, presented to him by his nephew Lee Byrne.



Andrew Tellem, clubman year 2015-2016 season, receives the trophy from nephew Lee Byrne.



Andrew with wife Alison.

Such was his standing and respect in the club that a fundraising function organised for Barbarians debut last Sunday against England, Lee Byrne and fellow committee member David Tidy, Chris Thomas and Jon Davies on Super Saturday, the last day of the Six Nations in March, had the club packed to the rafters with a good sum of money raised.

At the club's annual presentation evening on June 1, a minute's silence was held and a table next to the trophies contained memorabilia of Andrew.

MC Gareth Davies and vice chairman Lewis Down paid the club's respects and condolences to Andrew's family, who were represented on the evening by sons Matthew and George.

On their mother Alison's behalf, her sons received a bouquet of flowers for her work at the club alongside Andrew during the previous year.

Matthew asked to express on behalf of the family their gratitude for the support by the Athletic committee and their many friends and club members during Andrew's illness.

His loss is also greatly mourned by the Athletics' two British Lions, his nephew Lee Byrne.

Adrian Burt

College aims to support students and staff with their mental health



Assistant principal Joe Baldwin, student wellbeing and safeguarding manager Samantha Gunnarsson, Principal and CEO Simon Pirotte, Deputy Principal Viv Buckley and Vice Principal, Andrew Gibbs.

B R I D G E N D
College has reaffirmed its commitment to staff and students by signing up to a new national mental health and wellbeing charter - created by the Association of Colleges in conjunction with mental health experts.

The 11-point document includes commitments to promoting equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma, providing appropriate mental health training for staff and providing targeted individual mental health support where appropriate.

The mental health charter promotes equality of opportunity and challenging mental health stigma through curriculum teaching and tutorial programmes.

It also aims to ensure a consistent and positive approach to staff wellbeing.

Simon Pirotte, Principal at Bridgend College, said:

"We are delighted to sign the Mental Health and Wellbeing Charter and we're also delighted to be a part of the Mind Wellbeing Index, having achieved the silver award this year.

"But we haven't finished yet; there's so much more for us to do as an organisation workplace."

New 'intergenerational' project could help tackle loneliness in the area

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is looking into setting up an "intergenerational project" that brings young care leavers and older people together.

It comes after councillors and officers at the local authority listened to a presentation by the charity, Voices From Care Cymru (VFCC).

The charity's chief executive Deborah Jones told councillors about plans to run a pilot programme linking young people with the older generation to help them feel part of a community.

Ms Jones said: "The isolation and loneliness issues are very similar - the parallels are just incredible because the ages are so different."

"Young people are saying we can help with the gardening and cleaning, and the older generation are saying we can show you how to knit and cook, and we can look after your children."

Chris Dunn, programmes manager for the charity, added: "We know isolation and loneliness is rife among young care leavers, and we know mental health and wellbeing issues are massive among all young people

across Wales."

Social services director Sue Cooper said she loved the idea of an intergenerational project, adding the council already ran something similar, but not with children in care or care leavers.

The local authority is also looking to re-establish a care leaver's forum in Bridgend. Young people are currently being asked whether they would prefer BCBC to facilitate the forum or an independent organisation, such as VFCC. The plan is to launch the forum in July and hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis.

Council officers said the 16 Plus Team would provide a venue, and support young people to be able to travel to and from the meeting and would also be able to provide keynote speakers and deliver workshops on specific issues if requested.

In a report which went before councillors at a corporate parenting committee on May 29, officers said it hoped the forum would give care leavers the opportunity to have a greater say in how services were delivered to them.

Liz Bradford
Local democracy reporter

Maesteg Rotary Club's fellowship award to stalwart



Mrs Iris Webb receives a Paul Harris fellowship certificate posthumously awarded to John Agate for all the hard work he did for the Rotary Club of Maesteg and the local community.

Police information day at the Sandville



PCSO Jo Robey and PCSO Richard Matthews, our friendly PCSOs from Pyle Police Station, called in to see us at Sandville Court recently to do a presentation, with lots of information and leaflets about scams and rogue traders.

They gave us the latest advice from South Wales Police and Keep Safe Cymru, and all the staff, volunteers, friends and residents enjoyed it.

Report by Gwyneth Poacher
Photograph by Heather Jones.

'Ella-va' row over Welsh language slogan painted on sweetshop's wall

A 'COFIWCH Dryweryn' mural in Bridgend has sparked a row between a sweet shop owner and the local authority over planning laws and Welsh heritage.

The mural, which has been painted on the side of the shop in Bridgend town centre, is in the style of the slogan first painted on a wall in Ceredigion more than 50 years ago.

In addition to the words 'Cofiwch Dryweryn' (Remember Tryweryn) – the mural also includes a reference to Yes Cymru, a group promoting independence for Wales.

Plaid Cymru town councillor, Freya Bletssoe, who runs Ella Riley's Traditional Sweets with her husband Steven, the town council's deputy mayor, said the mural was a display of solidarity with the original piece of artwork in Llanrhystud that has been repeatedly

vandalised.

However, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said the mural constitutes an advert and has warned the private landlord in a letter he must apply for retrospective advertising consent to keep the mural in place or face prosecution.

In a statement, the cabinet member for communities Cllr Richard Young, said: "I don't intend to get into tit-for-tat arguments on the issue, so I'll just say this as plainly as I can.

"This is about a planning authority ensuring that planning laws are upheld – nothing more, nothing less.

"While I have full sympathy with the sentiments portrayed by the mural, the advice issued by our planning team was intended to help the building owner.

"It clearly says that he can apply for retrospective advertisement consent to keep the mural in place, thereby avoiding a criminal offence and remaining on the right



The 'Cofiwch Dryweryn' mural painted on the side of Ella Riley's Traditional Sweets shop in Bridgend. Photo by LDRS.

side of the law.

"The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that 'advertisement' means 'any word, letter, model, sign, placard, board, notice, awning, blind, device or representation' which is used 'wholly or partly for the purposes of advertisement, announcement or direction'.

"The bottom line is that displaying an advertisement without consent constitutes a criminal offence, and no matter what anyone might think, nobody is exempt from this.

"I would urge the building owner to either follow the guidance the council has provided to apply for retrospective consent to keep it in place, or to contact our planning team so that they can advise him further about how he can make sure he stays on the right side of UK law."

The original mural was painted following the loss of Capel Celyn, a village in the Tryweryn Valley. People had lived there for generations, but in 1965, the village was lost forever when it was flooded in order to

create a reservoir which would supply water to Liverpool.

Almost 70 residents were forced to abandon their homes after the UK Government ratified the plans to create the reservoir.

Over the last few weeks, people from all over Wales have been creating their own versions of the Welsh landmark – painted more than 50 years ago – following a number of separate attacks that defaced the original.

In response to the Bridgend mural, more than 1,800 people have now signed a change.org petition started by Cllr Bletssoe to keep it in the town.

The petition states: "We call upon BCBC to rescind their threats of court action and fines

contained in the letter, we ask them to write to the landlord of the property to apologise in full for the distress and upset they have caused him over the matter and for them to issue a public apology to the people of Wales for their disregard for our language, our history and our heritage.

"We also seek assurances from the leader

of the council and the chief executive that this situation will not happen again."

In a statement, council leader Huw David said: "Cofiwch Dryweryn is a very important part of our Welsh culture and history and should rightly be remembered as such, but the regulations are very clear and state that advertisement consent is required.

"As the relevant planning authority for the area, the council has a legal responsibility for ensuring that this is in place, so I hope that the premises owner follows the advice he has received and applies for retrospective consent."

"Our planning team is available and happy to clarify the matter if he requires any further advice or support."

BCBC has also written to a homeowner in Nantyffyllon, Maesteg, after they painted a Cofiwch Dryweryn mural on the side of their home, saying it requires advertisement consent.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

MP meets Wales area manager for Royal British Legion

BRIDGEND MP
Madeleine Moon recently met the Royal British Legion's Wales area manager Antony Metcalfe, military veteran Chris Headon and representatives of the charity at an event in Parliament to discuss support for the Armed Forces community in Wales.

From October 2017 to September 2018, the Legion in Wales provided over £460,000 in grants to support members of the Armed Forces community and



engaged with 9,100 people directly via its high street pop-in centres and community outreach.

The Legion's own handy van service also completed 2,247 jobs across Wales, helping people in their own homes to live independently and with the support they require.

In addition to this welfare work, the Legion champions Remembrance and safeguards the Military Covenant between the nation and its Armed Forces and is well known for the annual Poppy Appeal, and its emblem the red poppy.

Mr Metcalfe said: "I was delighted to see Madeleine and we were grateful that she

Run for Team KPC!
BE part of Team KPC in the Healthspan Porthcawl 10K being held on Sunday, July 7. If you would like to take part in the event to help raise funds for a local charity working with young people and our local community, there are 50 free spaces available.

If you can pledge to raise a minimum of £120 plus Gift Aid for KPC, book your place now! Please note it is first come, first served.

For families wanting to join the 1K Run, register direct with Run4Wales at: <https://www.porthcawl10k.co.uk/fun-for-the-family/>. KPC can provide sponsor forms, or fundraise via KPC's JustGiving page. For further information, contact 01656 749219 or email info@kpcyouth.com.

took the time to drop in. This event offered a great opportunity for us to spread the word about the range of services that we provide in Wales and for Mrs Moon to hear first-hand from a number for people who we've helped, how we have supported them since they left the Forces."

Mrs Moon said: "Members of the Armed Forces community have made, and still make, great sacrifices in the service of our country. I am proud to support the continuing work of the Legion in honouring those who have served and ensuring their sacrifice is remembered."

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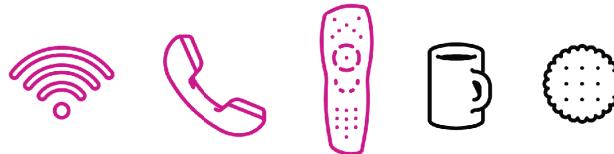
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Curtain Up Youth Theatre's show – with four Alices – proves a big hit in Maesteg!



Bridgend singer is in the spotlight in London

A BRIDGEND singer songwriter has just cashed in his prize in a music competition organised by Firestone by appearing on stage in a London festival.

Bridgend's John Nicholas won the right to appear on stage at the All Points East Festival when he beat more than 550 acts to win Firestone's 'Road to the Main Stage' competition.

John (28) entered the competition back in September and made his way through various stages to eventually prevail.

John performed a number of tracks on Sunday, May 26. He said: "It was an amazing experience being on



Bridgend singer songwriter John Nicholas.

stage. Winning 'Road to the Main Stage' hadn't really sunk in until I took to the stage at All Points East.

"Firestone has given me an incredible

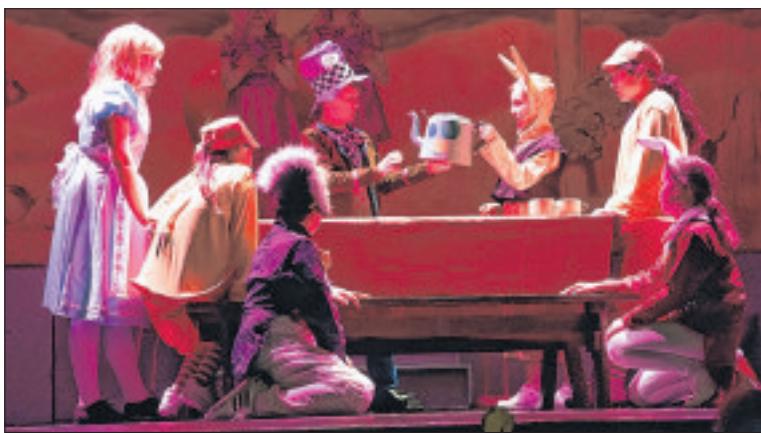
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Festival started off with a resounding success – the production of Disney's *Alice in Wonderland* by Curtain Up Youth Theatre.

The festival was opened to a packed audience by the Maesteg Mayor, Cllr Steve Smith.

Curtain Up Youth Theatre is now in its 19th year and works with young people from six to 17 years old.

This year's production ingeniously featured four Alices to give as many youngsters as possible the chance to have a leading part. Both shows were filled to capacity.

The production team of Claire Isaac, Sarah Thomas, Ruth Whelan and Susan Heffey thanked the children, the backstage team, the council and town hall team for helping to make the show such a success.





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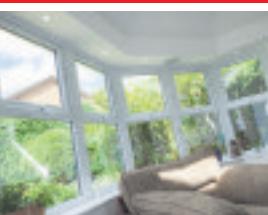
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Sun shines bright on 10th Vale Walking Festival

A SUCCESSFUL well-attended launch 10th Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival took place at Forest Lodge, Porthkerry on May 21 and a large band of walkers snaked up the woodland hill towards the picturesque lime-washed Porthkerry Church in dappled sunlight.

A trek through the woods gave stunning varied views of the viaduct and Bristol Channel, and walk leader Mel Stewart explained plans for a channel-side wild-life meadow on the site which is currently being



planned.

Valeways chair, Phil Gibbins, said: "This year

we extended the Festival into six days, due to popular demand and the sun was with us almost everyday – apart from the traditional Bank Holiday Sunday morning drizzle, of course.

"We had perfect conditions to showcase everything the Vale has to offer. Our longest trek was a 12-mile event, leaving from Monkash, we explored stretches of coast and also visited some of the Vale's celebrated villages such as Colwinston, Penmark and Llancarfan. We looked at woodland and wildlife, and history from Romans to World War Two."

The Festival ended with a celebratory Sundowner walk on Barry Island.

Phil said: "The great thing is that each year the festival attracts new people to the Vale and to Valeways' year-round programme.

"We run twice weekly walk-and-clear sessions, to keep Vale paths safe and open; we organise very popular stroller walks for seniors, and others for people with particular physical and mental health needs, as well as regular free guided walks for all."

"We celebrate the festival as an event which attracts attention to the whole range of good work we do across the Vale."

"For us, it's just the start of a busy summer."

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Vale MP says UK Government is planning to help Wales

VALE MP Alun Cairns says the Government is putting together an industrial strategy that will serve the interests of Wales.

The Welsh Secretary said in the Commons he has been working closely with Cabinet colleagues and the Welsh Government to ensure that Wales benefits from it. He said the Government has already delivered a number of projects in Wales, with the country receiving £90 million from the industrial strategy challenge fund.

Mr Cairns said there are record numbers of people in work in Wales. He told MPs: "I highlighted earlier the £90 million from the 'Strength In

Places' fund that had been made available to the UK's industrial strategy, making Wales fourth in the UK for the value of grants it receives."

Questioned on the Government's decision not to proceed with the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon, Mr Cairns said that project would have been three times more expensive than an available alternative. Mr Cairns pressed the Welsh Government to get on with making a decision on an M4 relief road around Newport.

He said: "The money is available and the planning recommendations are in favour — all we need is a decision from the Welsh Government."

Report by Michael Prosser

Sam leads Velindre fundraisers on an American adventure



WALES and Lions' captain Sam Warburton is all set to lead a bike ride to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre, where he has been a patron for over eight years.

The Three Canyons Bike Challenge takes place in September 2020 and the 530km ride will go through the states of Arizona, Utah and Nevada. The ride will take cyclists through Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon before a grandstand finish in Las Vegas.

Lions Legend Sam, who recently donated £10,000 from his testimonial year to Velindre, said: "I always said that as soon as I finished playing

I wanted to be on a Velindre bike ride. I've seen the other patrons like Martyn Williams, Jonathan Davies and Shane Williams on them and they looked amazing. So I'm really looking forward to leading the Three Canyons ride – it will be a fantastic experience!"

"We are holding a Three Canyons information session on July 4 at 7pm

where you can find out more about the ride. If you would like to attend the information session, email: info@velindrefundraising.com;

"If you would like to join me on the ride you can get more information at www.velindrefundraising.com/events/3canyonsbikeride."

Head of fundraising at Velindre Andrew Morris said: "Sam has been itching for years to be on a Velindre bike challenge, but I suppose becoming a Wales and Lions' legend takes up a lot of time!"

"I'm sure he will be getting some cycling tips from his fellow Velindre patron Geraint Thomas. The Three Canyons Ride is an incredible route and Sam and all the cyclists will thoroughly enjoy the joint challenges of completing the 530km ride and raising funds for Velindre Cancer Centre."

The Three Canyons Bike Ride takes place from September 26 to October 3 2020, and a minimum sponsorship of £6,000 is required.

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Abandoned bulldog pup Enzo needs a lifesaving operation

A LOCAL charity is fundraising to give a young puppy a life-saving operation.

British Bulldog pup Enzo was given away by his breeder in Cardiff at just three days old with serious health issues.

He was entrusted to the care of Hope Rescue in Llanharan, where he is being cared for by a volunteer fosterer who is also a vet nurse.

Amy Greenfield, fundraising manager at Hope Rescue, said: "The pup has a cleft palate, which makes it difficult and dangerous for him to eat normally. He has required around the clock care since he came into the charity's ownership in January and has already undergone several procedures to help him to eat and drink safely, including having a feeding tube fitted.

"He is now being fed carefully by hand to

prevent food entering his airway and infecting his lungs, but this is not a long term solution for a growing pup.

"As he is now strong enough to survive a general anaesthetic, he has been referred to experts at the Langford Animal Hospital in Bristol. He had his first surgical appointment on May 29 and may require two further reconstructive surgeries. The total cost for his treatment has been quoted at £9,000 and without this life-saving operation, Enzo simply will not survive.

"Enzo is a little fighter and currently has a good quality of life. As a typical puppy, he loves getting up to mischief and enjoys barking at his foster parents and canine foster brother.

"The charity is asking donors to make a gift on their website at www.hoperescue.org.uk, over the phone on 01443 226 659 or by post at Hope Rescue, Cynllan Lodge, Old Llanharney Road, Llanharney CF72 9NH. Every penny raised will bring the charity one step closer to giving Enzo a chance at a full life.

"As a small charity, we simply don't have the funds to operate without the support of the local community. The charity has already raised £2,000 and it is hoped that animal lovers will get behind his appeal so that Enzo can thrive and grow into a healthy adult dog.

The charity hopes to raise enough money to fund Enzo's surgery.

AM asks rail bosses for more trains in the Vale

Vale AM Jane Hutt with James Price.

ON May 24, Vale AM Jane Hutt met James Price of Transport for Wales to discuss prospects for more frequent Barry to Bridgend Vale rail services, to meet passenger demand.

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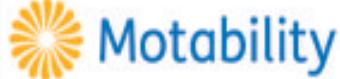
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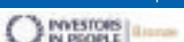
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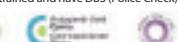


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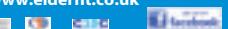
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New 'Bag scheme' will promote Barry High Street all year round



The new High Street reusable bag aims to raise funds which can be used to market and promote the local shopping area.

'Still waiting for bypass – 49 years on'

NOTE from last week's GEM that the campaign group lobbying for a Dinas Powys bypass has rebranded itself 'The Barry to Cardiff Link Road Group'.

One can only hope that this dedicated and hard-working band has some tangible success at long last, but I won't be holding my breath. For whatever reason, the political will has never been there, even though the situation has now become chronic.

When my wife and I moved to our house in the village, I

remarked to the estate agent that there seemed to be a significant traffic problem. I've never forgotten his reply: "Oh, don't worry about that – we'll have our bypass in a few years".

That was 49 years ago.

A friend who had a dental practice on Cardiff Road, along with her late husband, recalls it being discussed even then, in the 1950s!

I suspect that future historians will put the bypass into a context somewhere between Theresa May's Brexit and Billy Bunter's postal order.

Colin Drury,
Dinas Powys.

TEN High Street businesses in Barry have banded together to produce a 100 per cent cotton reusable shopping bag.

It means fewer plastic bags will be used and the money raised can go towards improvements in the street.

The bag is the first High Street branded product to be 'piloted' by the traders with the aim of raising funds that will be reinvested in the marketing and regeneration of the local area.

Cathy Harrison of The Gallery Boutique came up with the idea and said: "All 10 businesses have invested their own money in producing the bags which will sell for £5 each.

"One hundred percent of the profits will be reinvested to

create a sustainable marketing strategy and improvements to the street, whether it is flower displays or signs.

"High Street has an enviable reputation for its annual events and they will continue, but this scheme is aimed at all year around promotion of the High Street.

"We really hope that our customers get behind the initiative as we've got loads of ideas to be rolled out and traders keen to sponsor them."

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You (and your partner, in a two-parent family) will need to submit three months of payslips, or your self-assessment form, your recent council tax letter and your child's birth certificate – scanned copies or uploaded photos are accepted.

You can apply online: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis

Who can access the Offer?

Parent/s must be employed or self-employed and permanently reside in the Vale of Glamorgan; both parents must be working in a two parent family, or the sole parent in a lone parent family and earn a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at the national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW) and be able to prove they are working via their earnings. Parents must be earning less than £100,000 each. Further information is available regarding parents on maternity/paternity leave, certain types of benefits claimed etc.



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30 hour Childcare Offer is now available in the Vale of Glamorgan

A Parent/Carer Drop-in Session is taking place on Tuesday 11th June, 4.30-6.30 p.m. at Vale of Glamorgan Council Dock Office, Barry CF63 4RT. No need to book, just come along if you would like more information or support with your application.

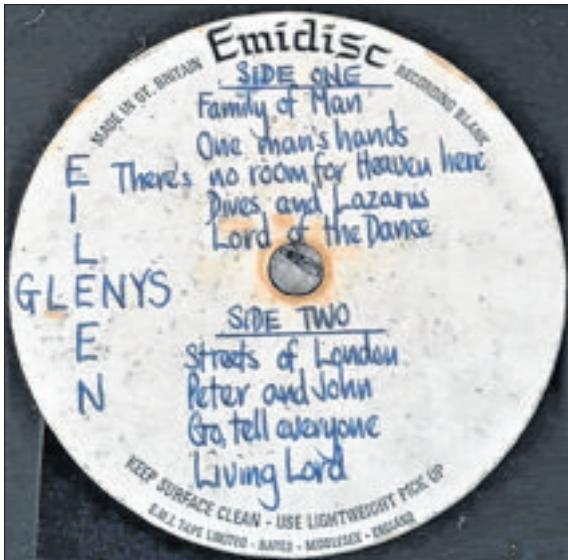
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More information is available on the Family Information Service website: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis or phone 01446 704704



Mystery record handed in at Oxfam Penarth



Eileen and Glenys created this disc in 1971 or 1972 – but do you know who they are?

THE Oxfam shop in Penarth has appealed to GEM readers to help identify the singing duo on a rare record that was handed in at the shop.

The disc in question is an EMI acetate disc by 'Eileen and Glenys' who have written the details of the songs on the label.

The disc contains nine songs featuring the two young women accompanying themselves on guitar. It was recorded in 1971 or 1972. The style is folk and contains songs with a social and religious content such as Lord of the Dance, Streets of London and Family of Man.

Caroline Mumford, the shop manager, said: "We would love to know who Eileen and Glenys were, why and where they recorded the songs, how many copies they made and if they went on to make other records."

"We think they are probably local to the area as all our donations of vinyl come from local people. If anyone knows who Eileen or Glenys are or where they can be contacted, we would

love to hear from them to help us put the record in context. We will let GEM readers know if we find out more about the record."

'Emidisc' blank discs were sold to disc cutting studios around the world. The blank discs were available in various sizes for use as master discs for the production of records and in 7", 10" and 12" sizes for direct cut discs that could be taken home and played on a regular turntable.

Sue Jones, the deputy shop manager, added: "This is the first time we have had an Emidisc donated since the shop began to stock more vinyl five years ago. Since then the shop has built up a reputation for selling good quality second hand vinyl records at fair prices and we have a wide range of regular customers. Our main problem is finding enough vinyl for our customers to buy!"

The shop welcomes donations of vinyl, CDs and cassettes of all genres.

Anyone who knows more about Eileen or Glenys can call Caroline at the shop on 02920 706358.

Utilities company revamps Ty Hafan distribution centre

THIRTY-THREE employees from Western Power Distribution made light work of sorting and storing more than 725 bags of donated stock for local children's hospice Ty Hafan.

Over four days, some of the apprentices and trainees sorted raw stock into the relevant distribution bays while other staff improved the newly emptied bays to make better use of the existing storage.

Another team created a shelving unit which will make the turnaround of stock easier for the shops, and a new PAT testing station was built so that electrical items could be sorted and tested ready for the shelves.

Darren Berry, one of the trainers involved, who also co-ordinated the challenge, explained: "Each year, our apprentices take on a community project and this year we were delighted to work with Ty Hafan and make some positive changes to the distribution

centre facilities. The aim of each project is to provide a valuable resource to a local charity while giving the apprentices an opportunity to expand their skills, in a setting which is often so different to their normal work day."

"Amazing" and "spectacular", were just a few of the words used by retail distribution manager for Ty Hafan, Kevin Shanahan to describe his surprise at what was achieved in just four days.

He said: "It was an absolute pleasure to work with the WPD team last week. On behalf of Ty Hafan and all the families who are supported by our services, I cannot thank WPD enough for the transformation they have made to the warehouse."

"The sorting of 725 bags of clothes into men's, women's and children's will mean we can keep replenishing our shops with fresh stock much quicker and generate much needed income to provide frontline care to children and their families."

Green fingers at local school



THE Eco Club at Llantwit Major School have been busy growing their own vegetables from seed in an effort to promote sustainable food and encourage people to reduce their food miles, and eat seasonally.

Pupils reused old seed trays to plant the produce including Tumbling Tom tomatoes, courgettes and lettuce. They then grew the seedlings in the geography classrooms on a south facing windowsill.

Then, using some clever knots and recycled pots, pupils made hanging baskets for the Tumbling Toms. Pupils then turned their green fingers to business and held a very successful plant sale for all the students and staff.

Well done, Llantwit Eco Club!

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Knap Gardens Friendship Tree festival



Jane Hutt with Barry Action for Nature.

VALE AM Jane Hutt, local friends and visitors supported the Friendship Tree festival in the Knap Gardens on June 2, with a raffle and stalls alongside the tree, covered with friendship messages.

Ms Hutt said: "With music, poetry and stalls in the beautiful gardens with wild flowers flourishing, the Friendship Tree festival was a joy to support. Thanks go to Glyn Pooley and his team of volunteers".

News in brief

Deaf/Blind Cymru advice

If your sight or hearing has started to deteriorate or you recognise this in a loved one, then don't be afraid to talk to someone about it.

Deaf/Blind Cymru help people with any level of dual sensory loss, with support tailored to individual needs, and provide outreach services and befriending. Why not come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 11 from 10am to 12pm to our drop-in? No appointment is needed, just come along and have a chat to someone from Deaf/Blind Cymru. Call 0446 732385 for further information.

How to use a defibrillator

AS part of the Pyle Festival Week activities, KPC Youth & Community in Pyle are hosting a defibrillator training session run by St John's Ambulance - a chance to learn more about how to use a public access AED; this will teach you how to administer CPR, as well as give you the knowledge and confidence you'll need to deal with an emergency situation.

The session will be held on Friday, June 14 from 1pm - 3pm. Book your free place by calling us on 01656 749219.

What's on and where?

Penarth Aviation

FRIDAY, June 7 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club at 8pm.

Our speaker this month will be society member David Ephraim whose topic will be 'The V-Force and its place in history'. The names Vulcan, Victor and Valiant will no doubt be familiar to all people who lived through the height of the Cold War in the 1950s and 60s.

Some other aircraft that might have been used in these roles will be removed from obscurity; the use that the aircraft had post-1980s will be examined as well.

Why not join the Society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend a meeting, for a small donation, to sample our hospitality.

Further information may be found on our website www.penarthaviation-society.co.uk.

Facebook page (www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk) and from secretary Barrie Howell on (029) 21322385.

Childhood Sight Loss Group

DO you have a child with sight loss? The Children and Young People's team at Guide Dogs Cymru has set up an Early Years Group for ages 0-4 in Barry.

The group brings together babies and pre-school children with vision impairment in an environment that encourages early movement and learning through play. It also gives parents the opportunity to meet and share experiences, build confidence and receive support to maximise their child's potential.

Sessions run from 10.30am - 11.30am in Castleland Community Centre, Barry, on the following dates: June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5. For more information, or to book your space, email michelle.green@guidedogs.org.uk or call 07468 711894.

Lunchtime concert

THE seventh and final concert at All Saints Church, Penarth in the successful spring season of Music at Lunchtime recitals takes place on Monday, June 10 from 1pm to 2pm with doors open at 12.30pm.

Playing at All Saints for the first time, the Piolo Trio are Poppy Wheeler (flute), Georgie Arnold (viola) and Emily Harris (harp).

The trio's repertoire includes classical, popular and light music. Entry is free to Music at Lunchtime concerts with a voluntary retiring collection, the proceeds of which are shared between the church and a charity of the performer's choice.

Visit www.allsaintspenarth.org.uk or ring Dafydd Jones on 07941 778 629 for further information.

TeleV Project

THE TeleV Project aims to help vulnerable people manage the risks of living in their own homes with a simple, easy to use device.

An adviser from the project will be available to chat to on Tuesday, June 11 from 10am to 12pm at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.



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New club brings
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The first new joiners... Andrew O'Leary (F9 films); Chris Gill (BJZ); Barry Quinn (Peninsula Business Services); Perry Tate (Perry's Vehicle Repairs); Ashley Davies (A&R cleaning); Chris Cody (Mister Window).

A new forum, the Bridgend and the Vale Business Club (BVBC), is well and truly established and meets in the Heronstone Hotel, Bridgend, on a Thursday every two weeks.

Following its launch, the club has been adding new members regularly, with local business people finding that it fits in very well with their working week.

Club members find the early morning breakfast format works well, and it means that they do not lose any of the working day as a result of the Heronstone meeting.

However, the ultimate aim is to help each of the members develop their own business by bringing their complementary skills and experience together.

The chair of the business club, Lindsay Roberts, who is an independent financial advisor, told The GEM that the group prized its independence and intended to guard that very carefully.



The committee: Back row ...Steve Richmond, Lindsay Roberts, Matthew Sulley, Tim Hughes, Alun Butler, Andrew McGee, Steve Pring. Front row...Lady Helen Morgan-Wooldridge, Lizzie Memory, Ben Rowlands.

He said: "We want meetings to be local, personal and relevant to members. As networking groups grow, they inevitably get less personal, so we want the club to have a wide base of different business expertise, but retain the personal touch.

"We have shared values of honesty, integrity and truth."

The group is still growing, with members inviting guests along

to see how it all works. Meetings are relaxed, and there is no pressure.

However, in the time they have been meeting, they can already point to significant success as a result of their collaborative approach.

Lindsay said: "Recently, four members of the group were made aware of an office refurbishment scheme, and pooled their skills and submitted a joint tender, which was

successful.

"It was a £500,000 contract," he added.

Members at the moment come from Port Talbot in the west as far as Talbot Green, Penarth and Newport in the east, and they all want to emphasise that Bridgend is a good place to do business.

The Bridgend and the Vale Business Club (BVBC) can be contacted by email on TheBVBC@gmail.com

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Welfare officer checks on 'large number of horses' left in Vale field

AN official has been to check on the welfare of a large number of horses left on land near Aberthaw cement works.

Last week, members of the public contacted The GEM to say they were concerned about the welfare of around 40 horses because they were on land that could flood at high tide and there was a lack of shelter.

Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central and councillor for Rhoose, also said he was "deeply concerned" about the horses and had raised concerns with the Vale Council and South Wales Police.

The RSPCA is also aware of the



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"We are currently investigating the matter to establish exactly who owns the land and whether they have consented for the horses to be there. If not, the council will work with the land-owner to consider the most effective action to resolve the matter."

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'Barry at War' volunteers head for Pegasus Bridge

BARRY at War patron and Barry Tourist Railway director, John Buxton visited northern France to take part in the 75th anniversary commemorations of the Normandy landings.

He was accompanied by his son, Oliver, and among the sites they visited was the famous Pegasus Bridge at Bénouville. The little café next to the bridge was the first building in France to be liberated by the Allied Forces at 0016hrs on June 6, 1944.

A unit of the glider infantry, led by Major John Howard, completely surprised the German defenders and took Pegasus Bridge intact together with the nearby Orne Bridge. They held both bridges until relieved by advancing Allied Forces.

John and Oliver Buxton spent time at Pegasus Café, part of which is a museum to a key moment in the Second World War.

John said: "It was very moving to be present at this iconic location and to read about the brave deeds of the men who prevented



John and Oliver Buxton in front of the Pegasus Café and Museum.

German armour from crossing the bridges and attacking the landings at the famous 'Sword Beach'.

"It is important to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom today. The United Kingdom stood alone against the Nazi tyranny and

our museum located at Barry Island Station tells the story of the contribution Barry made in defeating this evil regime. Barry played a really important role in the D-Day landings of which every resident should be proud."

WHAT a busy month we've had at Cadoxton WI.

Our monthly meeting was held on May 20 when the members were wonderfully entertained by Gillian Hadfield and her dog Zimmo, who gave us an insight on Dogs For The Deaf, followed by tea and coffee. The raffle prizes for the month were won by Kate Maier and Audrey Stansfield.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of every month (with the exception of August) at 7pm in Victoria Park Community Centre and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please call Christina Whitchurch on 01446 404891.

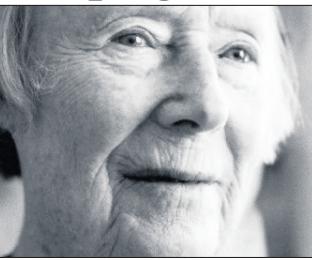
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Village open gardens day

THE picturesque village of Llancarfan is to open some of its private gardens for charity on Saturday, June 15, to raise funds for Children's Air Ambulance Wales and look forward to welcoming friends and visitors.

Set in the shallow valley of Nant Carfan, woodland and enfolding fields provide an attractive backdrop to the gardens included in the Open Garden Day. Each garden offers individual interest, or character: from cottage

Farewell to 'visionary campaigner'



VALE AM Jane Hutt has paid tribute to Dilys Colbourne MBE, who passed away on June 2.

"It was with great sadness that I learnt from her devoted family that Dilys Colbourne MBE passed away on Sunday," said Ms Hutt.

"Dilys was a pioneering and visionary campaigner playing a leading role in the Barry Citizens Action Group. She took part in the successful campaign to keep Central Park 'green' – obtaining funding to refurbish the park with play facilities and sculptures, and the

rebuilding of the library and art gallery.

"Obtaining Green Flag status for Central Park was a triumph in 2014 and I joined the ceremony with the late Mayor of Barry Town Council, Cllr Jeff Evans.

"My most recent memories take me to Cwm Talwg Nature Reserve on a Sunday morning with a flask of coffee and a working party to keep the Woodland habitable for birds and wildlife, led by Dilys Colbourne MBE.

"My sincerest condolences and thoughts are with her family. We celebrate her life as a great citizen of Barry."

Art Group's annual exhibition

THE annual Dinas Powys Art Group exhibition will be held on Saturday, June 29, and Sunday, June 30, in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

Last year was the Art Group's most successful exhibition, with many visitors commenting on the high standard of artwork on display.

The group of artists use a variety of different media, providing an eclectic mix of paintings for the exhibition.

Every year, the group sets a special challenge for the artists, where each member is asked to submit one painting based on a specific theme, which this year is 'Music'. The exhibition will

Paintings are for sale.

Admission is £2 and

proceeds of the raffle and

20 per cent of picture

sales will be donated to

two local charities; Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern and Dinas Powys Community Library. Light refreshments will be available.

A day out in Dewstow for Cadoxton WI

WHAT a busy month we've had at Cadoxton WI.

GFWI fashion show (which was a day we will never forget!) and finally a fantastic day out in the sunshine at Dewstow Gardens and grottoes in Caerwent.

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Our other events over the month included a lovely evening meal at the Cwm Talwg, the

Cwm Taf chief executive says that maternity issues have not changed

THE chief executive of Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board has said the damning report into its maternity services shows "fundamental cultural and behavioural issues have not changed".

Allison Williams was speaking at the latest board meeting as it discussed how to change the culture which led to the failings identified in a report from the Royal College of Midwives and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

It revealed catalogue of failings at maternity units in Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil and at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant, which led the Welsh Government to investigate 43 pregnancies.

The failings included major staff shortages, fragmented consultant cover, inadequate support for trainee and middle-grade doctors and lack of functioning governance and leadership; and since then mothers have been sharing their heartbreaking experiences at both hospitals.

Cwm Taf has recently taken over responsibility for the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. At the time the above report was compiled, the Princess of Wales was run by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg.

The leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf council Andrew Morgan has called for Ms Williams to consider her position, saying he had become increasingly concerned about recent events at the health board.

He said due to continuing concerns from the health board, he had lost confidence in the body.

The health board's maternity services are now in special measures and the board is receiving targeted support from Welsh Government.

A planned moving of paediatric services to Prince Charles Hospital, Merthyr, in June has been put off and is now likely to take place either at the end of this school year in July or at the start of the next school year in September.

Ms Williams, speaking at the meeting in Abercynon, said: "I think it is fair to say that we would all recognise that this has been the most challenging issue this board has ever had to deal with and will continue to deal with."

She said that one of the most important things is to keep the women in their thoughts when making decisions.

"Engagement in the way they want, that is responsive to their needs, is going to be an absolute priority for us if we are going to do something sustainable," she added.

"We have known for some time about the staffing challenges and some of the issues associated with the South Wales Programme changes and the impact on staff of this significant change."

She said the extent of the "dysfunctionality" and the wider cultural issues have given them the greatest cause for

concern.

An independent panel has been set up to oversee the health board's maternity services and the health board is drawing up a plan on how it engages with women to make sure the changes are successful for them.

Ms Williams said: "Fundamental cultural and behavioural issues have not changed. If we are going to do something that is going to resolve this now, then the approach has to be different."

"Having the capacity to deliver is going to be critical to our success – we are going to need help with this. It is going to require a not insignificant investment if we are going to do this properly."

"If we are sitting here in a year having delivered an action plan and all the recommendations but not having changed the culture, then we have failed the women."

She mentioned support would be needed financially for communication and engagement with people on the ground and to address broader confidence issues in the health board's services.

She said that women will be encouraged to talk to their community midwife, help anyone who does not want to have their baby in Cwm Taf to have it somewhere else, and allow women to share their experiences with each other to reassure them.

Board member Keiron Montague said he and his colleagues were not fully aware of the scale of the issue until the publication of the Royal College's report.

He asked: "How do we fix the link between the board and what is going on with patients generally? We need to look at ourselves as a board and make sure we are building that link with patients."

Another member, Melvin Jehu, highlighted it was not factually correct that they were aware of the issues, which part of the report implies.

Paul Griffiths, a fellow board member, said that in the case of Morecambe Bay, a new board was put in place and the progress they made was remarkable, but they had a lot of support.

He said: "I don't think we should underestimate the amount of resources needed to put something right."

Ms Williams said it was less about the money but more about skills and capacity. "Targeted intervention and special measures will be helpful. I am optimistic we will get the support we need."

"I suspect members of the public will be less worried about process than what is going to make a difference on the ground."

Other board members said that data collection is key and making sure they have the right type of data, including patient experience, presented in a consistent and understandable way.

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Cosmeston Lakes is now home to a new outdoor learning facility



GRANT funding has been obtained by the Vale Council to create a unique multi-purpose learning area at Cosmeston Lakes Country Park.

The grant was awarded by the Welsh Government's Rural Community Development Fund and it has paid for activity areas for den building, pond dipping and bug hunting along with the creation of new habitats. New seating and a wooden gazebo have also been installed.

The contractor, Landcraft Projects Ltd, has made the site accessible to all.

The funding also allowed for the creation of a nature-themed sculpture, adorned with native birds, mammals and fish. The design was led by a class at Oakfield School in Barry, and brought to life by Welsh artist Chris Wood, of Wood Art Works.

Cllr Lis Burnett (pictured left), cabinet member for education and regeneration, said: "We are so pleased to have secured funding for this super project for the Vale's youngsters. The facility will provide them with a valuable opportunity to learn about the local environment and the natural world."

THE public service union Unison has claimed Cardiff and Vale University Health Board wants to privatise pharmacies in its hospitals.

The board told The GEM that a new service model was designed to improve waiting times, enable the delivery of medicines closer to patients' homes and release staff to do more work in hospital wards.

Unison said it feared the board was rushing into privatisation without considering alternatives.

Unison Cymru Wales head of health, Paul Summers, said: "Private companies have no place in the Welsh NHS. The collapse of Carillion shows the private sector doesn't always know best and it is not more efficient than the public sector.

"Patient needs will not be the first priority for private companies focused on generating a profit, and privatising pharmacies could open the way to wholesale privatisations of other NHS Wales services. This has never been the

way healthcare workers, the public or the Welsh Government want our health service to be run.

"Taxpayers will be paying for a service yet money will be going into private shareholders' pockets and won't be reinvested in the NHS.

"Unison wants to work with health boards to see how patient services can be improved. The sensible way forward is for pharmacies to be retained in-house and to recruit more dispensing staff.

"If health boards say they need more money to prevent privatisation of pharmacies, we will work together with them and the Welsh health secretary to jointly lobby the UK government."

A spokesman on behalf of the board said there had been 'positive feedback' on the new system: "Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is proposing delivering outpatient dispensing with an agreed third-party partner. By working in collaboration and involving our specialist pharmacists to provide training

and input for clinically complex prescriptions, the new service delivery model will improve waiting times, allow the option of delivery of medicines closer to patients' homes and release staff to patient-facing work in ward areas. It also aims to reduce turnaround times and improve quality of communication when patients are discharged from hospital.

"The service transformation project has worked closely with staff and patient organisations, including the Community Health Council and trade union representatives, and has received positive feedback from all those who have been engaged."

He added: "The proposed change relates to dispensing service for outpatients at University Hospital Llandough and the University Hospital of Wales only, and no other existing pharmacy services are involved."

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Health board defends new hospital dispensing service

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Police investigate rogue trader' incident

OFFICERS in Penarth are reminding home owners to be vigilant following a suspicious incident in Baron Road on Tuesday, May 28, at around 1.15pm.

Officers attended an address after concerns were raised about an elderly woman being asked to pay a large sum of money to have her patio cleaned. No money was exchanged and enquiries are ongoing into the incident.

A police spokeswoman said: "Rogue traders particularly focus on the elderly and the vulnerable and offer services that they know the householder maybe unable to do such as gardening, cleaning driveways and patios.

"Once inside the property, they usually carry out shoddy work for extortionate amounts of money."

The police advise people not to allow cold callers access to their property and

to get at least two separate quotes before agreeing to having work carried out.

If anyone has any information on Penarth incident, they can call the police on 101 quoting reference 1900191971; or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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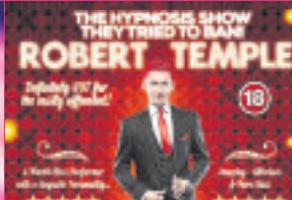
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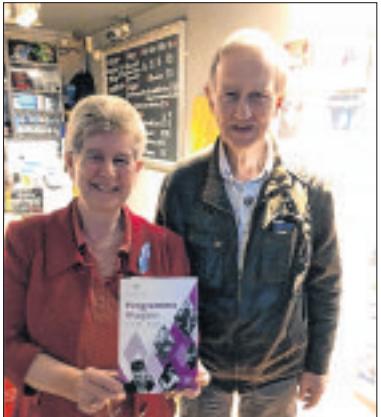
Supporters celebrating the modernising of the library building and café area.

THE next phase of the modernised library in Dinas Powys will start with an official opening of the café.

The café will be in full swing from Monday, June 10 and its opening hours are 8.45am to noon and 2pm to 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Saturdays it's open from 10am to noon.

Trustee Keith Hatton said: "We are now run as a charity and the café is an integral part in our strategy. We want to welcome a wide cross section of the public to the library to enjoy the books, activities and also a nice cup of coffee."

Music festival enjoys 50th anniversary of worldwide success



Jane Hutt AM and John Metcalf.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival celebrated its 50th anniversary this year with a week of concerts under the musical direction of composer John Metcalf.

Vale AM Jane Hutt attended a number of concerts and events, including drumming and a fairground organ recital on Barry Island.

Ms Hutt said: "The Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival featured composers from across the world and here in Wales, with stunning world premieres at this year's festival thanks to the inspiring musical direction of Welsh composer John Metcalf."

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Success for young musicians

THREE local youngsters recently took part in the South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians in Cardiff.

Up against stiff competition, Jack Ollier (16) came third in the senior piano class, Harrison Ollier (11) was awarded a Highly Commended for his performance on the guitar in the junior instrumental concert class and Katie Alsop (12) took part in the intermediate/senior non-competitive concert class, performing on the piano; and received excellent feedback on her performance as well as her presentation.

All three thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to perform.

In other news – congratulations go to Katie Alsop who passed Grade one piano with a merit, Poppy Williams who was



Jack Ollier, Harrison Ollier and Katie Alsop awarded a pass for her passed grade three theory with distinction and Jemima Whiffen and Tabitha Hughes who were awarded passes for their grade four piano exams, Caitlin Ellis who

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'The figures count against Brexit' says GEM reader

SOMETIMES I lose faith in my ability to do sums. It happened at the English county council elections and it's happened again now with the Euro elections. Both were hailed as evidence that the country is demanding Brexit.

Theresa May insisted the results of the English county council elections showed voters wanted politicians to 'get on and deliver Brexit'.

But this is where I get confused. The Conservatives, who had pushed hard to get a Brexit deal past the Commons, made a net loss of 1,269 councillors and UKIP a net loss of 36.

On the other side, the stop-Brexit Liberal Democrats made a net gain of 676 councillors and the ardent Remainer Greens a net gain of 185, making a net gain of 861 councillors for Remain parties.

Now when I learned to count that would suggest a victory for Remain, not Brexit.

Now it's the Euro-election results that have got me flummoxed. The claim swept around that Brexit has won! Yet Brexit and UKIP together polled just under 35 per cent of the vote while the campaigning Remain parties of Lib Dems, Greens, SNP, Change UK and Plaid Cymru together

polled over 40 per cent.

Again, in the way I usually count, that's a victory for Remain. One thing I don't wonder about, though, is that the Referendum, which basically showed the country split down the middle with a tiny majority of less than 4 per cent for Leave can now – or ever could – be trumpeted as 'the will of the people' or the 'democratic decision' that inexorably binds politics and Parliament.

No government coming into office after a general election immediately declares its whole manifesto unchallengeable and inevitable. It achieves only as much as can be moderated through a Parliament where the Opposition is expected to play its democratic role.

That is how a democracy works.

Not by commandeering the view of one half of the country as a stick to beat the other half. In a liberal democracy like ours, the result of the Referendum – even won as it was through fraud and illegality – might still have some shreds of the 'legal' about it. But it has no political, social or ethical legitimacy – however you count the figures.

Jean Silvan Evans, Peterston-super-Ely.

Clifftop views of Lavernock for Penarth and District Ramblers

ANN from Penarth and District Ramblers led the third of the summer evening walks starting from Penarth clifftop car park and was joined by a group of 13 walkers.

They set off along the Wales Coast Path towards Lavernock Point above the cliff, which contains rocks dating to the Jurassic and Triassic eras.

Arriving at St Lawrence Church at Lavernock, they were reminded that on 13 May, 1897, Marconi, assisted by George Kemp, sent the first wireless signals in Morse code across the open water to Flat Holm and a plaque on the outer wall of the church records this feat.

Heading inland at Fort Road, they deviated into Lavernock Nature Reserve, an SSSI which is cared for by the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

In the late 1860s, Lavernock Fort Battery was constructed with four cannons in order to protect the ports and shipyards at Cardiff and Bristol and the remains of that fort have long disappeared.

Arriving at the derelict concrete structures on the clifftop, they learned it was a World War Two anti-aircraft gun site that also had a command post, magazine and workshop, and the site is classed as an ancient monument.

Crossing fields and exiting onto St Mary's Well Bay Road, they moved inland to Cosmeston Country Park,

following Mile Road over the footbridge between the lakes before circumnavigating the eastern lake and re-crossing Lavernock Road.

Pounding pavements and following Cosmeston Drive uphill, they joined the old Taff Vale Railway spur line, built in 1865, which carried trains through from Penarth to Cosmeston, Lavernock and Sully before re-connecting back to the main Barry Railway at Cadotown and wended their way back to their start.

On June 8, meet at 9am at Barry Dock Railway Station for an 8-mile moderate walk taking in the Lliw reservoirs north of Swansea; contact Jan John on 01446 418514.

On June 9, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate/hard walk at Fan Nedd; contact John R on 07484 844533.

On June 12, meet at 7am at Cogan Leisure Centre for the annual 20-mile strenuous Three Castles Walk; contact William on 07528 701 952.

On June 13, meet at 6.30pm at Dinas Powys Village Square for a 4-mile easy/moderate walk at Dinas, St Andrews and Southra; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

For up to date information, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102. *Joy Strangward*

Ride on the Valkyrie at Barry Island?



The 81 year old Albion Valkyrie coach new in 1938 (Tudor Thomas/CTPG)

ON Sunday, June 8 this year's Barry Island Festival of Transport will be one of south Wales' largest gatherings of classic cars and buses and it is expected to draw big crowds.

The heritage bus group has big plans to restore a unique 81-year-old coach and is looking for £100,000 support. The event is free and will run all day from 10am to 5pm.

Mike Taylor, chairman said: "We will offer free rides on around 20 different heritage buses, some open top ones together with a free Park and Ride shuttle from the Barry Dock offices.

"Also at this event we are announcing the launch of a call for donations to professionally restore a Red & White Albion Valkyrie Coach to its original Art Deco styling".

The festival will feature around 300 classic and specialist performance cars, joined by a selection of visiting heritage buses and some lorries. Some of the oldest cars are well over 80 years old, while some sports models are relatively new.

The heritage bus collection will be on show with free rides on shuttle services every 10 minutes by heritage

buses.

Mike Taylor continued: "Yes, our appeal is looking for £100,000. Our group can handle some large bus restoration projects and our aim is to restore a coach which was a design classic of the inter-war period.

"We have all the original parts, but it needs a professional rebuild requiring skills in wood and metal coachbuilding. Such exercises are costly, and we want to make progress so that it's substantially complete by John Watt's Red & White 100th anniversary in 2021.

"This Albion Valkyrie Coach represented one of 32 vehicles built during the Great Depression years. Our vehicle, number 390, was new in 1938.

"Our group feel this is a special vehicle and deserves to be restored to the highest museum and operational standard."

The Festival of Transport is on Sunday, June 9 and free parking is available at the Barry Dock Offices car park and CTPG will operate a free shuttle bus to the event.

Bridgend Athletic hold presentation evening



Sponsor Gareth Edwards presents joint winners Lee Murphy and Ben Howe with the first XV player of year award.

Williams takes his first five-wicket haul as Cavaliers ease to win

ON a sunny afternoon at Windmill Lane, Llantwit Major Cavaliers welcomed Swansea Civil Service for the fifth league game of the season.

Swansea were sitting one place above the Cavs in the league but after two wins on the trot, the Cavs entered the game full of confidence.

Skipper Gareth Trott won the toss and duly elected to field. The Cavs knew that they needed early pressure and it came with the second ball of the game.

Opener Ieuan Williams immediately found a line which was too difficult for the Swansea opener and he edged to Nigel Allison at first slip. The combination of Williams' bowling and the Cavs taking catches set the tone for the rest of the game.

Not to be outshone by his brother, Andrew Williams bowled with pace and with the last ball of the fifth over he had opened his account when he removed the young No 3 batsmen courtesy of a fine catch from Craig Thomas.

Swansea were under pressure and this showed with the next ball when the Swansea No 2 took at big swing off the bowling of I Williams and Steve Collins calmly took a very difficult high catch. Swansea were now in trouble at 23 for three off six overs.

The Williams brothers kept the pressure on and in the ninth over the combination of A Williams bowling and Thomas catching, Swansea lost another wicket. Two wickets apiece for the Williams brothers and the rivalry for bragging rights was hotting up!

It was Ieuan however who took the spoils. His third wicket was another

catch at slip followed by another catch at mid-off from Rob Trott. His fifth wicket came in his last over, a fine catch from keeper Joe Baker.

At the end of their allotted overs the Williams brothers had taken seven wickets and Swansea were in desperate need to rebuild against the Cavs' change bowlers.

Unfortunately for Swansea, the Cavs change bowlers of Charlie Woodley-Thomas and Rob Trott included the league's current top bowler. Trott bowled with pace and accuracy, taking a wicket with his third ball.

Swansea's only response was to try to attack the bowling of young spinner Woodley-Thomas, but he kept his cool as well as his accuracy and took the final two wickets. Swansea were all out in only the 21st over after having set a target of 72 for the Cavs to chase.

After a quick turn around the Cavs' opening pairing of Allison and Thomas set about their task of chasing down the total.

It was Thomas who settled first, taking 10 off the third over which included the shot of the day, a huge straight six. Allison soon settled, and the pair knocked the runs off in the 11th over.

Although this was another great team performance, with eight fine catches taken, the headlines must go to Ieuan Williams for a superb bowling spell, finishing with five wickets for only 15 runs – this is the first that Ieuan has taken five wickets in a league game.

This week the team travel to Baglan, a team which the Cavs need to be wary of after having suffered defeats against for the past couple of years.

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest results

BRIDGEND Bridge Club members Tony Disley and Mike Best did well in the recent Fishguard Bridge Congress, winning the Swiss Pairs competition and being part of the winning team in the Swiss Teams competition.

Tony also won the Men's Pairs competition with Adrian Thomas.

The latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are:

On May 29: First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, Tony Haworth and Kevin Maddox; third, Norma and

David Newman. The winners on handicap were Emer Disley and Debbie Lea.

On May 30: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Dee Finch and Margaret Roach; third, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams. The winners on handicap were Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Some first and second XV award winners - Callum Swinford, Lloyd Pemberton, Ben Howe, Lee Murphy, Ben Cording, Tom Jenkins.



Head coach John Apsee presents Ben Cording with the first XV player's player of year award.



Youth trophy winners Cameron Lewis, Morgan Bennett, Josh Llewellyn and Josh Tidy.

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Finally, the first XV thanked its oldest supporter, Mr Glan Hitchens, who was 92 on May 31, for his tireless support turning out in all weathers.

On behalf of the team head coach Mr John Apsee presented Glan with a club tie to thank him for his great support, before outlining the club's rugby plans and thanked club press officer Adrian Burt and club photographer John Canon for their efforts in publicising the club's rugby achievements.

The award ceremony then took place.

Captains awards were presented to Ben Howe - first XV, Aaron Mordecai - second XV and Cameron Lewis - youth.

Youth awards were as follows: Boys Club of Wales caps - Tom Davies & Levi Hallett; Coaches player of year - Cameron Lewis; Player's player of Year - Cameron Lewis; Best forward of the year - Josh Llewellyn; Daryl Dyke youth memorial award - Morgan Bennett; clubman of year award - Jeff Jenkins.

Second XV awards were as follows: Best forward award - Callum Swinford; Player's player of the year - Nathaniel Adams; Best outside half - Outside half Matthew Harris was awarded first



Sponsor Richard Dyke presents Matthew Muir with the senior Daryl Dyke Memorial Award.

Cars Sales shield - Lloyd Pemberton; Player of the year David Perry trophy - Lloyd Pemberton.

Club Person of Year Peter Woods & Sons trophy was awarded to Cameron Lewis - youth.

First XV awards were as follows: Best back - Tom Jenkins; Player's player of year Nathaniel Car Sales award - Ben Cording; Daryl Dyke senior memorial award - Matthew Muir.

Club commemorative Ewenny Pottery mugs for outstanding services to club went to photographer John Canon, and, for over 25 years sponsorship of the club, Gareth Edwards and Richard Dyke. Special awards for over 300 senior appearances for club, a special

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Ploughing and Hedging Society looks forward to Margaret's September visit

THE spring meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society was held at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on May 23.

Chairman Andrew Studley welcomed the gathering of members and reports were received from secretary, Sarah Radcliffe and treasurer, Rhys Morgan.

The Tractor Run organised by the society in memory of John Watts raised £800, which will be presented to the Parkinson's Disease charity. The chairman thanked the Tractor Boys of Aberthin for their continued support.

It was agreed that the president for 2019 would be Mr A E Radcliffe of Penmark. It has yet to be decided who will be the site safety officer for this year's ploughing match to be held on Sunday, September 8. Extra stewards are also needed for the match, so if anyone is interested in getting involved, contact either the chairman or the

secretary for information.

At this year's ploughing match, there will be a steam plough coming over the bridge from England, which was built over 150 years ago. These steam ploughs were all named, and the visiting one on September 8 is called 'Margaret'.

The chairman thanked local contractor, Tom Pritchard, for his offer of getting the machine hauled to the site for the event.

A team of horses and ploughs are expected to attend, along with six or seven tractor and plough classes, and four judges will cover all the classes.

The society is planning a social gathering in the evening for those who arrive on Saturday.

The membership secretary reported that a large number have taken up the five-year membership for £40, while annual membership stands at £10.

Membership of the society will cover entry to the ploughing match and a free programme of the event.

The chairman accepted



the proposal that the society is considering becoming a limited company and this will be put on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Over the next three months, banners and advertising will be put in place with schedules for all ploughing classes being printed and available from the secretary by mid-June.

Further information can be obtained from the chairman on 07980 921990 or the secretary on 07976 950680.

Basil George

Children's Air Ambulance coffee morning success

AT Stepping Stones in Llancarfan, Kay Gay and Mary Grey hosted a coffee morning recently in aid of the Children's Air Ambulance charity.

It was supported and enjoyed by local villages and lots of friends, making it a very sociable occasion – even the weather was kind!

On behalf of the charity, Kay and Mary would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and are delighted to report that a total of £800 was raised.

Police report rise in knife crime in south Wales

FIGURES from South Wales Police show that knife crime incidents have gone up by 100 per cent since 2013-14.

From April 2018 to January 2019, there were 615 offences with a predicted figure for the end of this financial year of 738 offences.

The force's latest performance and demand report says knife crime has "significantly increased" in recent years.

In the 12 months to March 2019, there were 17,209 domestic abuse crimes recorded, an increase of 10.4 per cent compared to last year. The force deals with 1,430 domestic related crimes every month.

Recorded sexual offences have increased by 8.4 per cent in the same period.

There has been a 13 per cent increase in recorded rapes, a 0.7 per cent increase in other serious sexual offences and a 18.5 per cent increase in other sexual offences.

As at December 2018, there were 12 incidents of homicide in the area.

Violent crimes have also seen a continuous increase in offences since 2014 with the figure for 2018-19 being around 25,000.

In 2018-19, the force responded to more than 30,000 mental health incidents, an average of 84 per day.

The report said: "This is lower than the high levels recorded in previous years. However, this is likely to be due to improved recording of mental health occurrences rather than a decline in the number of offences reported."

Following a two-year period of decline, detentions under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act are increasing, with 44.7 per cent more referrals in 2018-19 compared to 2016-17 and it is expected this will continue to

increase.

On average, about 4.5 hours of police time is spent dealing with each mental health-related incident, with roughly 60 per cent of the people already known to mental health services, and these people have had on average at least 15 incidents recorded in the last 12 months requiring police involvement.

On average, in 2018-19, South Wales Police investigated and managed 28 missing person reports per day.

This is a rise of four per day, compared to 2017-18 and a 16 per cent year on year increase in missing person investigations. A fifth of these reports are missing children (aged 17 and under) – many are looked-after children who live in care homes or are in foster care.

About a quarter of missing children are also said to be at risk of child sexual exploitation.

In total, there were 10,288 reports of missing people in the 12 months to March 2018.

The force received nearly 202,000 emergency calls in 2018-19 with just over 437,000 non-emergency calls. The average wait time for emergency calls was under six seconds and for non-emergency calls, two minutes and 43 seconds.

The report said that non-emergency 101 calls have risen consistently by 6 per cent over the previous three years and there is increasingly a seasonal difference in the number of calls.

The figures will be considered by the South Wales Police and Crime Panel at its next meeting on June 4.

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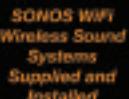
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Family Notices

TINSLEY
Stephen Peter
(Tinhead)

Famously known as 'Tinhead', Stephen died at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 29th May 2019, aged 59 years. Loved husband and best friend of Lorna. Father to Rhiannon and Colin, Robert, Gareth, Richard and Nikki.

Adored Gangan to Dolina.

He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Resting at the service of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service on Wednesday, 12th June 2019 at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 3pm.

No flowers please, but donations in lieu, if desired, may be made to RNLI online through 'justgiving' or at the service. The family would like you to wear bright clothes or football kit.

HARTERY
Byron Lindsay

Byron passed away suddenly on 28th May 2019, he will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

He was the youngest son of Philip and Hazel, brother to Robert and Kevin.

You went away so suddenly we didn't say goodbye, but brother's can never be parted, precious memories never die.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at our chapel of rest on Monday, 17th June at 12 noon, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

Rest in Peace reunited with Mam and Dad, God Bless.

Family flowers only, donations may be made in memory of Byron in favour of Valeplus Charity at the service.

COLBOURNE
Dilys Elizabeth M.B.E
(née Nugent)

Peacefully on 2nd June 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff, Dilys, aged 89 years. Beloved wife of Tony, much loved mum of Linda, John and Angela. Loved grandmother and great grandmother.

Dilys will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Friday, 14th June at 10.30am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Ty Hafan or Coast Watch c/o the funeral director.

HISCOCK
Elizabeth Gordon
(née Plunkett)

Dearly loved and cherished mum to Philip, the late Pauline, Sandra and son-in-law Keith. Beloved wife of the late Gilbert Roy, treasured grandmother and great granny and special 'Salls' to Andrea and Lloyd. Loved aunty, sister-in-law and friend.

Sadly passed away on the 25th May aged 95 years at Bryn-y-Cae Care Home, Brackla (formerly of Cowbridge and home at Llysworney) with family by her side together with the amazing carers who took such great care of "Lizzy" and her family especially at such a difficult time.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Remembrance service to be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 7th June at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimers Society and Guide Dogs for the Blind to be handed to the funeral director on the day.

McCarthy
Craig (Mucca)

Suddenly on 19th May at home, aged 45 years. Craig a loving son of Diane and Ray. Loving brother of Leanne and Simon and a loving uncle. Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service will be held on Friday, 7th June at 2pm to celebrate Craig's life at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors For all enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

DAVIES
Haydn Drew

Haydn of Wenvoe, retired electrical engineer, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, 27th May 2019 in his 91st year. Treasured and loving husband of the late Doreen, father and father-in-law of Gary and Nichola, pappa to Carl and Leanne his grandchildren. Loving brother of Margaret and Patricia May. Brother-in-law of Lesley, all of whom 'he loved tons'.

Funeral to take place Friday, 14th June at St Mary's Church, Wenvoe at 11.30am, thereafter cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Mid Glamorgan. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Dementia UK. Funeral arrangements entrusted to The Lyndsay Ellis @ Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

CHATWELL
Kameron

In loving memory of Kameron Chatwell who sadly passed away on 19th May 2019. The family wish to announce the sad passing of Kameron, aged 21 years at the University Hospital of Wales. A loving and adored son, stepson, grandson, brother and uncle.

He will be greatly missed by all his extended family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 10th June at 2pm.

JONES
Malcolm

Peacefully with his family present at Holme Towers on 21st May. Devoted husband to Pat and an adored dad and grandad.

Malcolm will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Malcolm's life will be held at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Tuesday, 11th June at 12 noon.

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DE GARIS
Ann Maud

Died peacefully at Bro Castle Care Home. Much loved by husband Malcolm, daughter Melanie, son Richard, son-in-law Peter, daughter-in-law Gia. Grandchildren Kate, Erin and husband Stuart, Roy and great granddaughter Connie. Funeral service to celebrate Ann's life to be held at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 17th June at 11am.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society UK c/o W. James & Sons, Fonmon, CF62 3BJ. The family has requested no black, colours preferred.

COLLINGS
Lynne Christine

Beloved wife of Stephen, mother to Samantha and Christopher, nana to Ishi and Ethan. *She truly was a wonderful person, dedicated to her family and friends. She has left us with a giant hole in our hearts but amazing memories that will last forever.*

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service on Wednesday, 12th June at 11am, Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Donations welcomed in Lynne's memory to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

MAURICE
Leighton Charles

Tragically on 16th May, as a result of a road traffic accident, Leighton of Cowbridge; beloved husband of Sarah, loving father of Marcus, Richard, Alexander, Sarah-Louise, India and Saffron. Dear father-in-law and much loved Grampy Leighton to his grandchildren. *Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.*

Funeral Tuesday, 11th June, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.15pm, where friends please meet.

Flowers and enquiries to W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel 01443 223368.

HERBERT
Matthew Colin

Peacefully on 2nd June, at his home in Cowbridge, Matt, beloved son of Colin, brother of Sarah and Kate and partners Jon and Howard, and uncle of Izzie, Lily and Evie. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 18th June, service and cremation 3.15pm at Coyerch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

MORGAN**Beatrice Kathleen (née Lane)**
(Kath)

Kath passed away peacefully at the University Hospital Wales, after a short illness on Friday, 31st May, aged 92 years. Beloved mother of Gareth and Janice, grandmother to Hayley, Ben, Rhian, Max, Joel, Verity and Imi.

Kath will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral will take place at St Iltyd's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 17th June at 2.45pm, afterwards she will be laid to rest at Llantwit Major Cemetery, followed by a celebration of her life at the West House Hotel, Llantwit Major. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made to Save the Children Fund.

LEYSHON**Margaret**

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 23rd May, aged 91 years. Margaret was a much loved sister, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

A service will be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 11am on Wednesday, 12th June.

RENDALL**Emrys**

Passed away peacefully on 29th May.

Sadly missed by family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Thursday, 13th June at 2.45pm. Donations being welcomed to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Cardiff CF14 2TL.

KNIPE**Barbara**

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 28th May after being lovingly cared for at Bryn Celyn Care Home.

Babs will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Tuesday, 11th June, service and cremation 2pm at Margam Crematorium.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Parkinsons UK c/o the funeral director.

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Love you Dad.
Gina, Richard, Nicola, Gareth & Luca xxx*

*Ten years may have passed
since you peacefully fell asleep,
Yet the memories you left us,
will always stay in our hearts.
Sleep well dear dad.
Love you always Mario, Amanda & Rhianne
xxx*

*Remembering you is easy, dear Dad and Bampy,
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Sue and friends wish to thank everyone for attending Audrey's funeral at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 28th May 2019.

TEW
David

Cheryl, Christopher and family would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the many people who supported us following David's death last month. Special thanks to Beth and Emma for the help and support provided to the family.

Thank you for all the kind gifts and messages of sympathy received and to all those who attended David's funeral. Special thanks to W.A. Brown & Sons Funeral Directors, Father Edwin, Father Craig, Jude and Bill for conducting such an uplifting service. Also, thank you to Jon and Andrew and for all the kind donations to Cancer Research.

*There's lots
more online....*



Barry Athletic play-off dates confirmed

FOLLOWING the hearing of Navi Treharris' appeal against the South Wales FA's decision to reject their application of eligibility for promotion to the South Wales Alliance League, Navi's appeal was not upheld and they will not form part of the second part of the play-offs.

As result, Group 2 of the play-offs will now go ahead involving Canton Rangers (Cardiff & District), Tata Steel United (Port Talbot & District) and Barry Athletic (Vale of Glamorgan).

Group 2 will be played as a three-team league with each side playing each other once (all matches at neutral venues). The winner of this mini-league will be promoted to the South Wales Alliance League alongside Group 1 winners Maesteg Park. The second-placed side will play Group 1 runners-up Ynysybwl in a second-chance play-off. Details of the dates and venues of the fixtures are: Tuesday,

June 4 at Kymco Stadium (Penybont FC), kick-off 7.15pm – Tata Steel United v Canton Rangers; Thursday, June 6 at Cwrt-Yr-Ala Road (Caerau Ely FC), kick-off 7pm – Canton Rangers v Barry Athletic; Saturday, June 8 at Caerphilly Centre of Sporting Excellence (Ystrad Mynach), kick-off 11.30am Barry Athletic v Tata Steel United; Monday, June 10 at Kymco Stadium (Penybont FC), kick-off 7.15pm – Ynysybwl Athletic v Group 2 runners-up.

Navi Treharris still have the right to lodge an appeal with an independent arbitration panel. However, as the FAW have given South Wales FA until June 10 to complete the season, the decision has been taken to go ahead with the play-offs.

Depending on Navi's next move and the outcome of any potential further appeal, promotion places will not be confirmed until any appeal period has expired. This process was decided upon in order to prevent the play-offs being delayed until August, the South Wales FA have said.

The Barry and District Mens Skittles League

THE Allform Cup final saw the 49ers beat Mighty Dockers.

The presentation night will be held at the Wyndham Cons on Saturday, June 29, at 7.30pm, and the AGM is to be held at the Liberals on Wednesday, July 3, at 7pm.

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Vale Cricket Club match round-up

THIS week saw Vale Cricket Club first XI on the road again as they travelled to fierce rivals Sully, a team who have performed well for the last few seasons yet like Vale not managed promotion.

Vale lost the toss and were put into bat by Sully captain Rhett Jones. Opening batsmen Alex Upham (74) and JJ Davies (138) signalled their intentions from the off.

Young prospect Alex Upham dealt with the pace of seam bowler Gareth Thomas (1-87) with apparent ease as he guided the first ball of the game to third man for four runs. JJ also got in on the action with three boundaries in the next over from Bruce (0-41).

Both Upham and JJ batted with class and a clear sense of authority as they bullied the Sully bowling attack, racing away to 50-0 in just five overs!

The two openers played superbly off front and back foot on both sides of the wicket. Three overs into his spell the dangerous Gareth Thomas was taken out of the attack, having conceded an uncharacteristic 29 run.

Upham and JJ continued to make the bowlers pay for any loose deliveries but as the pair settled, even decent bowling was sent flying along the floor for boundaries with the Sully outfield proving to be extremely fast.

In the 20th over the Vale opening pair took the total past three figures and shook hands in the middle in recognition of the 100 run partnership.

Upham scored his 50 in just 53 balls, an excellent display of dominant batting against what has always been tough opposition. Just after drinks JJ bought up his 50 in 64 balls. Both batsmen were applauded and urged to do more by their teammates.

In the 26th over a mix up of calling led to Upham being run out for a very well made and chanceless 74, a tremendous innings by the 17-year-old who has now scored 216 runs in his first five games, an average of 43.2 in first team cricket this season.

The loss of Upham bought Dean Oram to the crease. He too looked secure in the middle but it was JJ who started to catch the eye as he began to turn his attention to Vale's total. The selfless opener who now must have been seeing the ball as it was the size of beach ball started to hit the ball harder and continued to add to the misery of the Sully bowlers.

Oram (15) lasted 10 overs as he too started to push the Vale total onwards. Hodges, Snelson and Brendan all fell in fairly quick succession but in between this, JJ bought up his century in style with a tremendous six over mid-wicket.

JJ eventually fell for 138 in the 44th over leaving Humphreys (22no) at Rowland to finish off the innings. The theme of a fast run rate and volume of runs continued throughout the innings as Vale finished 286-6.

This gave Vale maximum batting points leaving Sully with three bowling points which may end up being crucial in the later part of the season.

With a grand total of only 13 extras in the entire innings, Vale enjoyed their tea knowing they had done an excellent job but also secure in the knowledge that the job was only half done. In order to achieve the maximum points for the game Vale needed to bowl Sully out without them matching the Vale total.

The Vale bowling attack was somewhat changed with the introduction of Roy Cheeseman, whose spin bowling was partnered with seamer Darren Upham to make up Vale's opening attack. Upham (1-36) once again claimed the wicket of Rhett Jones early on, having had a difficult chance put down in the slips earlier.

Roy Cheeseman (0-40) bowled his nine overs at the other end dealing with batsmen targeting him in order to relieve the scoreboard pressure. Rowland (0-40) bowled excellently only just

missing the edge of the bat on many occasions. It was the introduction of Hodges (2-32) that helped to boost Vale's energy as he removed opener Hicks (31) and then had Bruce (67) caught superbly on the fine leg boundary by Alex Upham, who did very well to sprint around and take a catch over his shoulder.

With the score at 117-3, Hodges also thought he had Thomas (16) caught behind first ball only for the umpire to not be on the same wavelength. Thomas, who batted with grit and intensity, went on to add another 16 runs to the Sully total.

Once Thomas was run out by Rowland, Sully then started to lose wickets at fairly regular intervals. It was only R Griffett (58) who added any other runs before he fell victim to Alex Upham's leg spin as he ended with figures of 3-25.

He also claimed a run out while the others catches were taken by Oram and Snelson.

Sully eventually slumped to 201 all out so Vale claimed maximum batting points and Sully were left with eight.

This week, Vale are on the road again as they travel to Newport to play another important game and will be looking to maintain their top of the table status.

Vale seconds welcomed Dinas Powys seconds to Cormtown as first versus third in the league clashed.

At the coin toss the Dinas captain Gareth Evans surprisingly elected to field first on a hard deck with a tinge of green on a very hot day in Cormtown.

The Vale opening pair of JP Davies and Matthew Thomas started slowly as the Dinas opening bowlers, Richard Morgan and Nathan White, gave very little away in terms of width or scoring opportunities. So much so, the run rate was less than two an over for the first seven. The scoreboard started to tick when the opening bowlers tired and the change bowling came on. At the 20-over drinks break Vale reached 94 for one wicket, JP Davies falling for 20, stumped whilst trying to up the run rate.

Mark Francis (4) was given out lbw by visitor and friend of the club Cedric Boynes shortly after drinks. It came number four batsman Gethin Merry to join Thomas at the crease. Thomas and Merry manoeuvred the ball well on the slow outfield, running countless twos and threes while getting respite by hitting the odd boundary.

The score began to gain further momentum as Thomas and Merry shared a 107-run partnership in 16 overs to leave Vale 223 for the loss of three wickets at the end of the innings, Thomas finishing on 131 not out and Merry caught for 41 in the 39th over.

In reply, the Dinas innings didn't get going and Vale opening bowlers Greg Andrews and Joseph Davies bowled accurately, backed up by some good fielding by the Vale.

Openers Gareth Evans (6) and Robert Tucker (1) both fell to Joseph Davies with brother Aaron taking a high catch to remove Dinas skipper Evans. Merry showed willing, running with Paul Gilbert at seven and eight respectively, but was soon bowled by the tricky spin bowling of Shackleton (5-2-16-1) for two.

Gilbert (28 no) and Mark Harris (12 no) mounted a late charge, with a 32-run, eighth wicket partnership, but it seemed that it was too little too late for the Vale.

Heffernan was the only bowler unable to claim a wicket for Abergavenny, but finished with fine figures of 5-1-18-0.

The final score after 35 overs had Vale on 134-7, setting Abergavenny the target of 135 to win.

After a filling tea, Vale looked to get on top early, but soon the Gulf in class showed. Abergavenny openers, A Holmes and M Knight, took to the challenge immediately, 15 off the first over of the innings signalling their intent.

Opening bowlers P Sheppard and P Gilbert bore the brunt of the early stroke play, Gilbert (4-0-38-0) finding Knight in fine fettle and he was shipped to the legside boundary for maximum runs twice in his opening two overs.

Sheppard eventually found the breakthrough, trapping Knight in front of all three stumps in the ninth over. An unfortunate end for Knight (40) who played the ball and field alike exceptionally well, but a well-deserved wicket for a dogged bowling display from Sheppard (7-1-31-1).

Kenny Thomas (5.3-0-35-0) and Sam Sheppard (2-0-15-0) bowled to the end of the Abergavenny innings, with Chris Haskins (1-0-13-0) having a brief cameo with the ball, but A Holmes (32no) and D Bowden (50no) proved too strong for the bowling attack and saw the home team comfortably over the line, though ironically the winning run came from a wide ball and not the bat of either batsmen, Abergavenny winning by nine wickets in the 20th over.

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Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 3 are as follows:

First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 65.42 per cent, second Phil Felman and Mike Best 64.09 per cent, third Linda Pinnock and Marjorie Morris 62.50 per cent.

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Delyth enjoys great start to new season – by Brian Lee



Celebrating the success of Paramer Angel, ridden by Charlie Price.

Have Sully bowlers turned the corner?

SULLY Bowling Club (The Villagers) got off to a terrible start on Wednesday against a strong Penarth side in the Munro Cup.

Only getting a point at home is not very good, and gives the selectors a lot to talk about at their next meeting. It was thanks to E. Pryer, H. Thomas, J. Best, and A. Thomas that the point was won 13-13 but none of the rest were close at the end.

The other results were: B. Curtis, K. Mahoney, D. Hotchkiss, D. Edwards 10-24; R. Fitzjohn, H. Levick Jones, P. Neale, D. Curtis 9-24 and D. Lougher, A. Kelly, A. Rees and T. Murphy 13-20.

Come Saturday the corner seemed to be turned, with a home friendly against Fairoak on a really beautiful afternoon. It has to be said that after seven ends it did not look good, with three rinks down and the other only one up, but by 14 ends it was two



Paramer Angel, ridden by Charlie Price.

WALES' leading Arabian Horse Racing trainer, Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas, has had a cracking start to the new season.

Her 15-year-old *Paramer Angel*, a 4-1 shot, made all the running under Charlie Price to win the Stallions' Novice Stakes at Chepstow and a week later at Brighton, her *Kiraa*, partnered by amateur champion rider Simon Walker, won the Hands & Heels Handicap Stakes at odds of 8-1.

Delyth features in my book *Racing Rogues – The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (St David's Press). It was in 2010 that her *Am I Blue*, after being backed from 25-1 to 5-1, romped home at Hereford Races. Delyth was completely cleared of any wrongdoing and as one racing reporter put it: "There was outrage in some quarters, amusement in others".

Risk A Fine, trained by Gareth Moore at Pyle and ridden by James King, was a 17-length winner of the White Swan Hotel Handicap Hunters' Chase at Stratford last weekend. The top weighted 10-year-old was returned the 10-11 favourite and was the youngest horse in the race.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan had plenty to smile about at Warwick. His top weighted *AllTimeGold* landed the Hook Norton Brewery Handicap Chase and his *Three Colours Red*

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Championships are under way at Brynhill GC

BRYNHILL Golf Club held three qualifiers this weekend when the Club Championship, The Midway and the Buck Rabbit were played.

Topping the Buck Rabbit was Jamie Merrick, with a solid 88. The Midway was won by Odyssea Nicoloau, who carded a very decent 36 hole total of

167, while best qualifier in the Championship was Scotty Bowman who hit a two round total of 146 (two over gross).

The knockout matches now commence, with the finals being contested on August 24.

This weekend it's a four-ball better ball medal, with the Artillery Cup being the prize on offer.

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Pictured from left to right, winning team receiving their prizes from Carole Allen - Judy Davies, Olwen Thomas, Carole Allen and Linda Hewlett.

Brynhill Golf Club ladies scramble to success

ON Thursday, May 30, Carole Allen – Davies 30, over the back nine from Robbie Lee and Meggs Codd. Brynhill Golf Club's representative for Glamorgan Ladies County Golf Association – put on a fun 10-hole Texas Scramble.

Five teams of three competed and it was closely contested with Linda Hewlett, Olwen Thomas and Judy Davies winning with 38.5 points. In second place were Robbie Lee, Jo Kirkpatrick and Jan Tattersall with 39 points.

Upon receiving her prize, Linda Hewlett thanked Carole Allen for organising the event and said that all those who played were looking forward to future get-togethers.

Past results: May 14 – John Collins Cup, 18 hole medal: winner: Andrea Page – 70 nett; runner-up: Glynis Gould – 73 nett. May 21 – Winfred Clode/Cancer Relief, 18 hole Stableford: winner: Sam Pascoe – 39 points; runner-up: Linda Hewlett – 34. May 28 – Australian Spoons, 18 hole Stableford foursomes: winners Jan Robertson and Sue Holland – 35 points; runners-up Linda Hewlett and Judy

Barry and District League results

THE snooker Division 1 Cup final saw West End C beat Cadoxton Cons B, while the snooker Division 2 Cup final saw Savoy B C beat Penarth Cons B.

The presentation night is to be held at Barry Town Football Club on Saturday, July 20, at 7.30pm. View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

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The Glamorgan Farmers travel to Rogerstone GC



Winning golfers Marcus Goldsworthy, Griff Morgan, sponsor Mark Rees, Clive Edwards and Bryan Owen.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at Newport (Rogerstone) Golf Club where 38 players assembled, all attempting to win the Shrieval Trophy in memory of the late Mr Islwyn Rees, a founder member of the society.

Islwyn's love of stroke play competition was well documented and therefore an annual medal round competition is staged, sponsored by Mr Mark Rees, son of Islwyn and Mrs Francis Rees.

The society was also pleased to welcome as a guest Mr Elliott Rees, a grandson of Islwyn and Francis.

One of the mysteries of golf is the impact it has on the brain when playing a medal round compared to the more popular Stableford format that to date even Alexa hasn't solved. Counting shots taken rather than points accumulated should be a fairly straightforward task yet judging by the scorecards returned the familiar n/r (non-return) written across would suggest quite a few still have problems adjusting to playing the medal format.

One player, however, who had no difficulty in adjusting was Colwinston resident Clive Edwards who secured his third success in the last five months – and fifth since last August – with a net 74 that included triple bogeys on both the 16th and 17th holes.

Quite a remarkable achievement for someone who during the same time has had his handicap reduced from 28 to 14, and who in the last few years has suffered quite serious shoulder injuries.

Runner-up with a net 78 was Griff Morgan followed by Bryan Owen who returned a net 79. Keith James, also with a net 79, finished in fourth place with a double bogey on the last hole proving costly.

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Winner Clive Edwards with sponsor Mark Rees and guest Elliott Rees.

European adventure awaits Barry Town United

BARRY Town United are back in training for their European adventure and will learn their fate on Tuesday (June 11), when the opening draw of the 2019-20 campaign takes place in Nyon, Switzerland.

Gavin Chesterfield's team will be one of 14 sides set to scrap it out in the UEFA Europa League preliminary round and, as one of the unseeded outfits, Barry's opponents will be one of the seven seeds.

Correctly guessing 35 balls would not make the journey home to collect a voucher from Picketson Poultry was Julian Kelly, and that raised £100 for Prostate Cancer Wales.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 28, with a visit to Saltford Golf Club just outside Bristol, sponsored by Mr John Caines of Payton, Jewell & Caines, Estate Agents of Bridgend.

Nipper Jewell Memorial knockout competition, second round to be played by June 28: Mike King v Chris Watson; Clive Thomas v Julian Kelly; Dan Jarvis v Griff Morgan; Martyn Edwards v Godfrey Lewis; Brian Jones v Neil McLean; Hugh Williams v Julian Golunski; Chris Rooney v Tony McCarthy; Dai Llewellyn v Charles Vicary.

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in the then-European Cup. Flying the flag for Northern Ireland, Cliftonville would be the closest trip, yet the Belfast outfit are experienced European campaigners, with no fewer than 32 previous outings.

Finally, La Fiorita could offer the strongest chance for Barry to advance, with the representatives of San Marino beaten in 14 of their 15 competitive European matches to date.

With the two-legged preliminary round tie to be played on June 27 and July 4 respectively, Tuesday's draw will reveal which of these seven names stands in Barry's way.

Should the club win through, then a spot awaits in the first qualifying round, where potential opponents include the likes of Malmö, Molde, Brondby, Kilmarnock and Rangers.

Romantically, former European foes Aberdeen will also start their Europa League campaign at this stage.

First though, Barry will prepare for the preliminary round with a hat-trick of June friendlies.

After tackling Cardiff Met behind closed doors on Saturday, June 8, Barry welcome a Panjab representative side to Jenner Park on Saturday, June 15 (3pm kick-off).

Then, Chesterfield's men cross the Irish sea to take on Ballymena United on Saturday, June 22 (1pm), with the Sky Blues set to embark on a European tour themselves.

In other news, the club was delighted to see Mo Touray named the JD Welsh Premier League's young player of the season at Saturday evening's awards.

Wing-backs Chris Hugh and the now-departed Macauley Southam-Hales were also selected as members of the Welsh top flight's team of the season.

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NFU's charity golf day raises over £6,000 for appeal



Pam and Dave Harris of the NFU with the cheque.

THE annual NFU Mutual Insurance Charity golf day was held recently at Southerndown Golf Club where 148 golfers helped to raise funds for the Kidney Wales Charity Appeal Fund.

Following the event, when a cheque for £3,500 was presented to Danielle Angell Jones, head of fundraising for Kidney Wales Cymru, further donations were received taking the final amount to a staggering £6,000 – representing a record amount raised at this annual fundraising event.

With quality prizes donated by many generous sponsors, the day's individual and team competitions were keenly contested.

Wyndham Abbott, with a final score of 36 Stableford points, claimed first prize in the men's section just ahead of Craig Sherman and Mick O'Sullivan, who finished second and third.

In the ladies' individual competition, Sally Roff returned the highest individual score of the day when returning to the clubhouse with 38 points. Beryl Vaughan and Kath Evans finished second and third respectively. Beryl collected the ladies' longest drive prize.

The last prize to be presented went to Richard Wood, who was playing this well-established course for the first time.

Richard returned home with a bottle of Laphroaig when correctly guessing 178 balls would spend the night nesting in the thick prickly gorse associated with this course.

A special mention must go to event organiser Mrs Pam Harris, whose excellent organisational skills were once again much appreciated by all who participated.

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Members and Guests Day at St Mary's Golf Club

MEMBERS and Guests Day is the annual occasion when members of St Mary's Golf Club's senior section are encouraged to invite friends and acquaintances from other golf clubs to join them in a day of fun competition.

Under pleasant weather conditions, the field of 44 teed off in a Stableford better ball pairs format, with additional prizes for nearest the pin for members (on the par three second hole) and for guests (par three seventh hole).

With two chances to score on every hole and good run on the ball, scores better than the par of 36 points were to be expected and the players certainly did not disappoint. Finishing

their round with three consecutive birdies, Steve Phillips and guest Bruce Anderson topped the leaderboard with a fine 48 points.

Two pairs were tied on 47 points but after a countback, Joe Davis and Fred Furby were awarded second place, with former captain and host for the day Hugh Williams and his guest Tony Krip, placed third.

Ainsley Adams bagged the nearest to pin prize for members at 9'5" and Lee Jefford secured the guests' nearest pin prize – his 8'2" putt out being just one of a brace of twos in his impressive round.

Other twos came from Roy Denton, Steve Phillips, Hugh Williams, Malcolm Jones and Roger Hodlahan.

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Barry RFC lottery news

THE Barry RFC club lottery rolls over again this week to £4,500 after last week's numbers of 07, 17, 23 and 24 failed

No tickets matched three numbers.

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Porthcawl CC back to earth with bump at Morriston

FOLLOWING back-to-back victories over Briton Ferry Town and Neath, Porthcawl came back down to earth with a bump at Ty'r Canol as table toppers Morriston triumphed comprehensively by 139 runs.

The depleted Porthcawl attack did their best to stem the flow of runs and at tea, skipper Nick Morgan must have been encouraged, but the batting failed to meet the challenge as the Seasiders capitulated meekly.

After being inserted, the host's openers Stuart Johnson and Meilyr Powell made a confident start to set up a platform for a healthy total.

They eased past the half-century mark before Powell fell for 33 but Johnson breezed to 54 before he was bowled by wily veteran leg spinner Steve Richmond.

Wickets fell at regular intervals but at a cost, as a number of Morriston batsmen prospered in favourable conditions.

Mark Whitaker added 31 before being stumped by keeper Chris Richards off the off-spin bowling of skipper Nick Morgan, one of three stumpings by the impressive gloveman who also added a catch to his repertoire.

Dominic Malt contributed 27, Alex Wheeler 20 and Huw Knudson added 19. There were also double figure contributions from Steve Lynn and Jay Wittran.

For the visitors, Nick Morgan took 2-23 from seven overs and there were impressive 10 spells from Rob Jones, 2-32, and Richmond, 2-39.

Young leg spinner Spencer Morgan stood up well in the free-scoring home batsmen, his 10 overs yielding 1-50 and another of the emerging young cricketers at Locks Lane, Matthew Pugh, took 1-7 on his first team bowling debut.

The Seasiders made a promising early response with a first wicket stand of 36, before Nick Morgan was dismissed for 8, while Mark Dixon quickly followed for 18.

It signalled a dramatic slump as the Locks Lane side capitulated to 56-5 then 76-7 before the collapse ended disappointingly on 91.

Wittran was the main instigator of the destruction with a brilliant spell of 5-32 off 9.3 overs and Greg Handley joined in the carnage with 4-19 from nine overs. Knudson chipped in with 19 in his accurate six over spell.

Morgan will be hoping for a return to winning ways next week when struggling Llanelli are the visitors.

John Edwards

Morriston 230-9, Porthcawl 91 all out.

Maesteg Celtic seconds showed why they are one of the promotion favourites with a comprehensive 119 run victory over Porthcawl at Locks Lane.

The young Llynfi Valley side lost an early wicket but rebuilt in impressive style led by 15-year-old Louis Cirotto, who may have played his final game of the season as he resumes his burgeoning football career as goalkeeper for Newport County under-18s.

Cirotto belied his years with an eye-catching, hard-hitting innings of 61, which included a six and five fours, and helped his side recover from a potentially damaging mini collapse at 86-5 to end on a healthy 168-8 from 40 overs.

Jeff Bird supported well with 40, highlighted by a six and three boundaries, and there were further useful contributions from a Matt Hassler 18, and Liam Wyatt who made 10.

Evergreen opening pace bowlers skipper Marc Thompson and Blair Driscoll again performed valiantly, both taking 2-20 from eight overs, while another of the crop of talented youngsters, Isaac Cronje, took 2-31 from his six over stint.

Another of the emerging young cricketers, Jude Darbemig, chipped in with 1-26 while spin magician Ian Parsons made a welcome, if rare, appearance, taking 1-40.

In stark contrast to the visitors' innings, Porthcawl made a disastrous start to their reply as the top three batsmen all perished without scoring and the innings ended equally inauspiciously as three other batsmen made nothng.

In between these calamitous collapses, veteran former skipper Paul Mason was the only batsman to register double figures, with 19, as the Seasiders were routed for just 49.

All the Celtic bowlers feasted on Porthcawl's batting frailties, Elliot Colston leading the way with an impressive six-over spell that brought him excellent figures of 2-2, while Liam Watt's short stint earned him 2-1.

There was also a brace of wickets from Alun Richards and Jack Tozer. Jay Richards' seven balls yielded 1-0.

A day to forget for Porthcawl so a vastly improved performance at Ammanford this week is required as the Seasiders hover just outside the relegation area.

Porthcawl Seconds 49 all out, Maesteg Celtic Seconds 168-8.

John Edwards

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Bridgend Athletic RFC holds its presentation evening



All the award winners for 2018-2019 - ALL PICTURES BY JOHN CANON.

B R I D G E N D
Athletic senior and youth teams held a very successful joint presentation night at the Heronston Hotel on Saturday, June 1, hosted by club patron Gareth Davies.

The meal was preceded by a minute's silence for club chairman Andrew Tellem, who passed away early on the Tuesday morning preceding the event.

MC Gareth paid tribute to Andrew, whose goal had been to attend the event. His sons Matthew and George, who both play for the Athletic, represented him on the day.

Vice-chairman Lewis Down welcomed everybody to the event. He started by paying tribute to Andrew Tellem, saying he should have been standing in his shoes.

He then thanked the evening's organisers, primarily Aled Pilliner and the club committee and representatives. He

also thanked the club sponsors who make it possible for the club to run 14 teams, including mini and juniors, two youth teams and two senior teams.

Ryan Pickford played Cup double. Another golden era in 13 of 14 games and was leading try scorer with four touchdowns. Liam Griffiths and Josh Seldon made 11 appearances and Lewis Dando, Lloyd Pemberton, Aled Pilliner and Callum Swinford 10. Scott Jones was leading points scorer with 51.

Milestones saw Andrew Brown, Nick Jones and Ryan Jones notch up 100 senior appearances during the season, while Liam Griffiths extended his

record second XV all-time appearances to 230, 14 ahead of his father Tony's 216 appearances.

The first XV were again coached by John Apsee, Stuart Morris, David Williams and Gerald Williams, with team manager Paul Hearey still in place, and were moved by the WRU for logistical reasons from Division One West Central to Division One East Central.

They repeated the previous season's third position league finish, but the club have just been informed it is moving back to West Central this coming season.

Cameron Lewis was leading try scorer with 11 tries followed by Owen Thomas (8) and Levi Hallett (6). Levi Hallett was top points scorer with 75 points followed by Cameron Lewis with 63. Ben Owen played in all 24 fixtures with Cameron Lewis and Josh Tidy missing one fixture.

Praise is due to all players and coaches who stood together during a difficult transition season. Coach Paul Yardley announced hooker Paul Obbald will captain this season's youth team.

The second XV, managed by Liam Griffiths and Lewis Down, again competed in the Welsh Conference, finishing in fifth place with six wins from 11 fixtures.



Head coach John Apsee presents Tom Jenkins with best first XV back Award.

Muir and Jonathan in only the last seven Stoker also completed 23 games but was top points games.

We must also mention first XV coach Stuart Morris, who, at the age of 48, assisted with distinction in our outside half crisis position on four occasions, including two starts at Glamorgan Wanderers and Cambrian Welfare.

At the other end of the age scale, youth team full back and Boys Club of Wales debutant Levi Hallett made five competitive first XV appearances before his season was cut short with a shoulder injury.

Luke Bevan returned from a long injury to play

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Air Rifle League still going strong

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